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PREFACE

WHETHER one thinks this should or should not be so, it is a fact that most cultivated persons in America nowadays, and an increasing number in England, are more or less self-conscious about their speech. The present very general interest in the practical applications of the science of phonetics is one of the proofs of the truth of this statement. With our strange mingling of races, our widely separated but rapidly inter-communicating local units of population, our constantly shifting social boundaries between class and class, it is inevitable that, in America at least, such should be the case.

When people become conscious of so familiar an activity as speech, it means that changes are taking place in it. The universal possession of all persons in the land, the rich and the poor, the learned and the unlearned, of farmer, artisan, laborer and merchant, speech is not only the great social solvent which makes the nation one, but also the readiest test by which such differences as exist are measured and known. And where these differences and distinctions arise out of a rapidly developing civilization, as in America, it is often extremely hard to determine their value. If we had but a single standard of speech, universally accepted and practiced, the task undertaken in this book would be easy, though obviously it would be unnecessary. But we have no standard beyond opinion, which in a democratic society must always be many-headed. If therefore in the following pages the

author has been at times less dogmatic than some of his readers think he should have been, his plea is that where there is a diversity of opinion and practice among reasonable people, there must be also an equally broad charity in judgment. Could anything be more absurd than to stigmatize as incorrect a pronunciation which is actually in general use, to put down in a dictionary only one pronunciation of a word when several are current among cultivated speakers? All cultivated speakers do not speak alike in America. If we think they should, that is a theory hard to enforce by compelling one group to yield to another. To be sure, opinion may be well-informed or ill-informed, and genuine blunders are usually due to lack of information, not to perversity. It is the purpose of this book to provide a rational method of examining pronunciation, the most important of the practical aspects of speech, in order that those who have a conscience in the matter may exercise it with justice both to themselves and to others.

The materials of the book have been ordered under the several sounds of the language. To one experienced in phonetics, no other plan would seem possible, and though perhaps at first embarrassed by an unfamiliar method, the untrained student will in the end find this the most profitable way of approach to the subject. The important thing is to acquire skill in hearing sounds as sounds, to be able to think of them as sounds apart from their representation in conventional spelling. The market is plentifully provided with dictionaries, with alphabetical lists of words said to be frequently mispronounced. The information contained in these books may or may not be trustworthy, but the best of them can offer little help to the student who wishes to observe the

facts for himself and to arrive at his own judgments. And even the fullest of these lists cannot possibly be complete or contemporary. Pronunciation changes day by day, and dictionaries soon become antiquated. The intelligent person is one who makes his own dictionary as he goes along. The author's intention has not been, therefore, to provide exhaustive lists of words which may be mispronounced, but to show how the whole subject should be approached. Such words as are treated, however, will be found in alphabetical order in the index at the end of the book.

Wherever a question of choice between two pronunciations arises, there is rarely any difficulty in making a choice after the facts are once known. It is the province of a book like this to show students how they may become sure of their facts, not to make their choices for them. The author has endeavored, however, not to make trouble where there really is none. It would have been easy to swell the number of 'mis-pronunciations' by culling from the lists of books of the twenty-thousand-words-often-mispronounced kind. But most of the words recorded in such books are not mispronunciations. They are merely rare and learned words which few persons ever have any occasion to pronounce. A word can be said to have acquired a pronunciation in the English language only when it is current on the lips of English-speaking people. Otherwise it is an eye-word, without an established phonetic value. The instances discussed in the present volume are such as the author himself has observed. None are taken at second hand from books. Though they may not correspond to every other person's particular observations and special difficulties in pronunciation, what they may lack in inclusiveness will

perhaps be compensated for by the fact that they are neither traditional survivals from books nor fanciful dilemmas of a theorist, but genuine records of present speech in America.

The professional student of phonetics seems to find it hard to resist the fascination which the game of inventing symbols exerts. The conventional alphabet is obviously inadequate for any scientific purposes, and scores of phonetic alphabets have been invented to take its place. If a phonetic alphabet is an evil, it is a necessary evil. But moderation should be practiced in the exercise of this evil, for once started, there is obviously no limit to the number of symbols one may devise as records of his observations. It may be said, moreover, that in the end not even the most elaborate phonetic alphabet can record all the shadings and nuances of speech sounds current daily in good use. For one seeking absolute completeness and precision, some device, richer in possibilities than an alphabet must be discovered.

In this book neither absolute precision nor a very high degree of precision in the notation of sounds has been attempted. The author's aim having been not to elaborate, but to simplify as much as possible, it may occasionally be felt that certain sounds have gone unrecorded. Thus the alphabet employed provides symbols for only two pronunciations of the vowel in **got**, **hot**, **not**, etc., that is the short of the vowels which appear in the first syllables of **father** and **author**. Perhaps a third intermediary sound should have been recorded, representing a vowel approximately with the same tongue position as the vowel of **father**, but with slight rounding of the lips. Likewise the two vowels of a word like **city** are not quite the same, though they have been indicated in the

present volume by the same phonetic symbol. Yet again, the initial consonants in pairs of words like **haul** and **heel**, **gone** and **geese**, **call** and **keel** are acoustically different and are organically formed in different ways. The quality of the consonant, in these instances, is dependent upon the vowel by which it is followed. In a word like **city**, the second vowel may be said to be an unstressed variant of the first. And whenever it is possible to take account of sound variations in this way by means of a general explanatory statement, the author has chosen to do this in preference to adding to the number of symbols. Where one has several relatively slight variations in pronunciation, as in the pronunciation of **not**, **hot**, **got**, etc., the author has again preferred to indicate what might be called the extremes of tendency by means of phonetic symbols, filling in the modifications between these extremes by means of a descriptive statement. No introductory work on phonetics can read like an algebraic formula, or if it did, no one would read it.

Perhaps a word of explanation, if not of apology, is needed for the use of the word American as signifying the United States. In this the author is merely following general usage and does not mean to imply that the English of Canada either is or should be like the English of the United States. Canada is fortunate in having the adjective Canadian, but we have no adjective form for the United States. If we seem to be appropriating a general term for a specific meaning, we would point out that such is not the case, for American has practically ceased to be a general term. By this same warrant of usage, the term English has been applied to the speech of America, just as it must be applied to every country where the English language is spoken. If a more exact

limitation of the general term is required, we must speak of American English, of British English, of Canadian English, of any of the half dozen varieties of English that have established for themselves local homes upon the face of the globe.

Geographical limitations in American speech, especially American standard speech, are extremely difficult to determine with precision, and in this book have been indicated only in the most general terms. The reason for this is that American cultivated speech is extraordinarily mixed. Relatively few Americans spend all their lives in one locality, and even if they do, they cannot possibly escape coming into contact with Americans from other localities. The result is that a 'pure dialect,' if any such thing ever does exist, must be sought elsewhere than in our much-traveling and very adaptable cultivated and educated classes. The universal negative is the last form of dogmatism upon which the careful student of American speech will insist. It is safer to indulge in a universal affirmative, to say that any pronunciation which may occur in cultivated speech, may occur in any region of America. For several large divisions, especially in the speech of the more obviously typical local representatives, we have a fairly defined feeling. We can distinguish with some certainty Eastern and Western and Southern speech, but beyond this the author has little confidence in those confident experts who think they can tell infallibly, by the test of speech, a native of Hartford from a native of Providence, or a native of Philadelphia from a native of Atlanta, or even, if one insist on infallibility, a native of Chicago from a native of Boston. This means of course that geographical distinctions are not of prime importance in the discussion of standard

American speech. Cultivated Americans do not all speak alike, but on the other hand, they do not move in mutually exclusive and self-centered circles in their habits of speech. Holmes insists, in the *Autocrat*, that the accent of a word may tell you all you want to know about the origin and possibilities of a person. Perhaps it may, but it is well to remember that such judgments are likely to place the placer quite as inescapably as they do his victim.

The term standard speech, it will thus be seen, has been used by the author without a very exact definition. Everybody knows that there is no type of speech uniform and accepted in practice by all persons in America. What the author has called standard may perhaps be best defined negatively, as the speech which is least likely to attract attention to itself as being peculiar to any class or locality. As a matter of fact, speech does not often attract notice to itself unless it is markedly peculiar. For the most part when one is listening to the speech of others, one is intent upon getting the meaning, not upon observing the form. In consequence there is likely to be, even in what we may justly call standard speech, a considerable area of negligible variation, negligible, that is, from the point of view of the practical use of language. To the conscientious and critical listener, many of these variations may seem reprehensible, but only so by the test of some theoretical or ideal standard. In the following pages, wherever the author has put down a form or several forms of speech without defining them as provincial, or dialectal, or vulgar, or artificial, he would have the usages taken as being, in his opinion, standard, and if two or more differing standard pronunciations are given, the implication intended is that a speaker is as likely to offend

as many critical listeners by using one as by using another of the pronunciations.

Perhaps it is not necessary to say that this book has not been prepared for the purpose of showing the difference between American and British pronunciation, or of proving that either one of these is better than the other. Whenever reference has been made to British pronunciation, the comparison has been made in order to indicate more definitely the facts of American pronunciation. The concern of the book is above all with these facts, and as it cannot well be denied that we have an attained result in the pronunciation of English in America, it would seem that our first obligation is to become aware of the facts, to recognize their existence just as we recognize the existence of our other distinctive social institutions. On the basis of such knowledge, one may at least intelligently proceed to the building of theories for the improvement of American speech, if one is so moved. Yet it seems scarcely credible that one who knows the facts should think it possible to impose British standards upon American speech, or to do anything but ally himself to the best tendencies, as each observer sympathetically views them, of our native American pronunciation.

An important section of the book, to which it is suggested that the student give very special attention, is that at the conclusion, consisting of passages in phonetic transcription. These should be carefully studied in detail, and every student should make similar transcriptions, based upon his observations. The first five transcriptions here presented as examples are representations of standard pronunciation, as observed and recorded by the author himself. Passages six to twelve are records of the pronunciation of several individuals taken down for this

book. They represent varieties of standard pronunciation, the intention being that they should be indicative but not exhaustive of the great number of current forms of standard speech. Passages thirteen to sixteen are phonetic transcriptions of literary records of American dialect speech, and they have been included to afford material for the comparison of standard with dialect speech. Finally passages seventeen to nineteen may be used for a comparative study of British and American speech. In England as in America differing opinions are held on the question of standard speech, though both scholars and general public seem pretty well agreed that Southern British has greater right to be regarded as standard than any other form of British speech. Northern British, however, stands a good deal closer to American English than does Southern British. In fact it is only rather extreme forms of Southern British which seem markedly different from American speech.

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SYMBOLS

VOWELS

Symbol	Key	Transcription
[ɑ]	*not*	[nɑt]
[ɑɪ]	*father*	[ˈfɑɪðəɹ]
[aɪ]	*fast*	[faɪst]
[æ]	*hat*	[hæt]
[e], [e·], [eɪ]	*vacation*	[veˈke·ʃən]
	late	[leɪt]
[ɛ]	*get*	[gɛt]
[ɛɪ]	*there*	[ðɛɪɹ]
[ə]	*about*	[əˈbaʊt]
[ə]	*bird*	[bəɹd]
[i], [i·], [iɪ]	*expediency*	[ɛksˈpidɪənsɪ]
	freedom	[ˈfri·dəm]
	free	[friɪ]
[ɪ]	*sit*	[sɪt]
[o], [o·], [oɪ]	*locomotive*	[ˋlokəˈmo·tɪv]
	note	[noɪt]
[ɔ]	*auditory*	[ˈɔdɪˋtərɪ]
[ɔɪ]	*law*	[lɔɪ]
[u], [uɪ]	*altruistic*	[æltruˈɪstɪk]
	true	[truɪ]
[ʊ]	*bush*	[bʊʃ]
[ʌ]	*but*	[bʌt]
[ʌɪ]	*hurt*	[hʌɪt]

DIPHTHONGS

Symbol	Key	Transcription	Symbol	Key	Transcription
[eɪ]	*play*	[pleɪ]	[aʊ]	*house*	[haʊs]
[aɪ]	*ride*	[raɪd]	[ɔɪ]	*boil*	[bɔɪl]
[oʊ]	*go*	[goʊ]	[ju]	*mute*	[mjut]

CONSONANTS

Symbol	Key	Transcription	Symbol	Key	Transcription
[b]	*bib*	[bɪb]	[ɹ]	*first*	[fəɹst]
[d]	*did*	[dɪd]	[s]	*best*	[bɛst]
[g]	*gig*	[gɪg]	[z]	*rise*	[raɪz]
[h]	*house*	[haʊs]	[ʃ]	*wish*	[wɪʃ]
[j]	*yawl*	[jɔɪl]	[ʒ]	*pleasure*	['plɛʒəɹ]
[k]	*king*	[kɪŋ]	[t]	*talk*	[tɔːk]
[l]	*land*	[lænd]	[θ]	*thing*	[θɪŋ]
[m]	*man*	[mæn]	[ð]	*that*	[ðæt]
[n]	*not, knot*	[nɑt]	[f]	*stiff*	[stɪf]
[ŋ]	*sing*	[sɪŋ]	[v]	*drive*	[draɪv]
[p]	*tap*	[tæp]	[w]	*wet*	[wɛt]
[r]	*very*	[vɛrɪ]	[ʍ]	*whet*	[ʍɛt]

ː after a sound indicates a long sound, as in **father** ['fɑːðəɹ], [jɔːl].

· after a sound indicates a half-long sound, as in **vacation** [ve'ke·ʃən].

' indicates a full or main stress on the following syllable, as in **about** [ə'baʊt].

ˌ indicates a secondary or half stress on the following syllable, as in **bookshelf** ['bʊkˌʃɛlf].

I

THE MECHANISM OF SPEECH

1. Before it is possible to discuss intelligently or intelligibly the sounds of any speech, it is necessary to know by just what activities of the speech organs the sounds are formed, and to have some means of symbolizing the several sounds with approximate precision, that is, a phonetic alphabet. In this book all phonetic representations of sounds will be enclosed within square brackets and will immediately follow the conventional spelling when the two are employed together. The phonetic alphabet is that of the International Phonetic Association, with several slight modifications.

2. Though there is a very high degree of similarity in the way in which different persons form the various sounds of speech, all speakers do not necessarily produce what seems to be acoustically the same sound by exactly the same formations of the organs of speech. The prime reason for this is that the physical equipment, for example the number and arrangement of teeth or the angle of the jaws, is not the same in all persons. An experimental method, applied by each person upon himself, is therefore a necessity in the study of speech. In the end all organic analysis of speech must be an analysis of individual speech, and one must always make a certain amount of allowance for personal peculiarities, both in one's own speech and in that of others. Extended observation,

however, enables one to make generalizations which hold for a very considerable majority of cases.

3. All speech sounds in English are made by air as it is expelled through the confining walls of the larynx, the mouth and the nose, the specific character of the sound being determined in each case by the special organ or group of organs which function most actively in shaping or obstructing the air passage. English has no indrawing sounds in articulate speech.

4. When all the speech organs are relaxed and the breath is allowed to issue without any constraint, it normally produces no sound, though it may sometimes be heard as breathing or 'heavy breathing,' especially when one breathes with the mouth open or when the nasal passages are abnormally obstructed. When the lips are closed and the breath is expelled forcibly through the nose, it produces the familiar sniff of scorn or contempt, which is of course not an articulate speech sound. Articulate speech sounds are only those sounds which are articulated, or joined, to other sounds in the formation of sound groups or words. The articulate speech sounds of one language are not the same as those of another. French and English, for example, have some sounds which are alike, but in the main, each has its own system of sounds, specially selected from the practically limitless number of sounds which the human organs of speech are capable of producing.

5. *Voiced and Voiceless Sounds.* When the rift between the vocal chords is so narrowed by the muscles which control the tightening and loosing of the chords that the air from the lungs as it is driven through this rift, known

as the glottis, sets the edges of the chords into vibration, the result is what is technically known as *Voice* or *Voiced sounds* (sometimes called *Sonants*). When the air issuing from the lungs produces a sound without setting the vocal chords in vibration, the sound is *Voiceless* (also called *Breathed* or *Surd*). The difference between voiced and voiceless sounds is plainly audible to the observing ear, and may be further tested by placing the finger on the Adam's apple, when the vibrations will be distinctly felt in the case of the voiced sounds. In testing consonants in this way, the consonant proper should be distinguished from the vowel that accompanies it in the conventional names of the letters of the alphabet. All vowels are voiced, but some consonants are accompanied by voice, e.g., **b** [b] in **be**, **d** [d] in **do**, **g** [g] in **go**, **th** [ð] in **father**, **z**, **s** [z] in **prize**, **rise**, while others are voiceless, e.g., **p** [p] in **pay**, **t** [t] in **tea**, **k** [k] in **key**, **th** [θ] in **thin**, **c**, **s** [s] in **rice**, **sing**. Voiced and voiceless consonants usually go in pairs, that is, [b] represents a voiced sound of which [p] is the voiceless equivalent; so also [d] is voiced, [t] is voiceless; [g] is voiced, [k] is voiceless; [v] is voiced, [f] is voiceless; the medial consonant of **pleasure** ['plɛʒəɹ] is voiced, and its voiceless equivalent is the final consonant of **wish** [wɪʃ]; **th** is voiced [ð] in **then**, but voiceless [θ] in **thin**. It is advisable for students to train themselves carefully in observing the difference between voiced and voiceless sounds so that the distinction becomes immediately clear with reference to any particular sound as soon as it is heard.

6. Consonants are often written in the conventional spelling with the symbol which ordinarily represents a voiced sound, but the sounds so written are pronounced

voiceless when they are assimilated to other voiceless sounds in their vicinity, as the final consonant in **walked** [wɔːkt], **stripped** [strɪpt]; or they are written with the symbol for a voiceless consonant which is assimilated to a neighboring voiced sound, as in **eggs** [ɛgz]; **paths** [paːðz]; **tags** [tægz] as compared with **tacks** [tæks]; **gooseberry** ['guːz'bɛri], in which [s] of **goose** becomes [z] by assimilation to the voiced consonant [b].

7. Frequently also a consonant which is under a stress and voiceless, becomes voiced when not under the stress, as in **exhibition** [ˌɛksɪ'bɪʃən], but **exhibit** [ɛg'zɪbɪt]. It may be stated as a general rule that stress tends to preserve voiceless consonants as such, but lack of stress, or relatively light stress, tends to permit them to become voiced. This applies not only to stress within the word, but also to stress in the word group or phrase. Thus **of** is usually a lightly stressed word in its group, e.g., **a man of ability**, and its phonetic value is [əv], as in [ə 'mæn əv ə'bɪlɪtɪ]. The adverb **off** [ɔːf] is etymologically the same word, but is stressed and consequently retains its voiceless consonant, as in **it fell off** [ɪt 'fɛl 'ɔːf].

8. The symbol **x** of the ordinary spelling represents a double consonant sound [ks] as in **tax** [tæks]; **j**, [also sometimes **g**, represents [dʒ] as in **jug** [dʒʌg], **gem** [dʒɛm]; **ch** stands for [tʃ] as in **chin** [tʃɪn]. On the other hand, two symbols are used in the ordinary spelling for [ð] [θ], as in **then** [ðɛn], **thin** [θɪn], where the consonant is but a simple sound. The spelling **q** followed by **u** stands for [kw] as in **quick** [kwɪk].

9. *The Mouth.* Besides the vocal chords, the organs most actively concerned in the production of speech

sounds are the tongue, the palate, the teeth, the gums (alveoli), the lips and the nose. The tongue, an extremely flexible combination of muscles, may be moved as a whole, and at the same time one part of it is commonly much more active than the rest. It is necessary to distinguish at least four main surface regions of the tongue, the back, which we may observe as being elevated to form the stoppage producing the initial consonant, a voiceless stop consonant, in **call** [kɔːl]; the front (sometimes also called the middle) which is the region immediately in front of the back and which may be observed as forming the stoppage producing the voiceless stop consonant in **kill** [kɪl]; the blade of the tongue, which is the surface just forward of the front, readily observed as functioning in the production of the vowel sound of **seat** [siːt]; and finally the point or tip of the tongue, which plays the most considerable part in the production of the sound of **d** [d], **t** [t], **th** [θ] [ð]. In the analysis of some of the vowels, it is necessary to divide further the surface regions of the tongue between front and back. The term half-front means a position between front and back but nearer front than back, and half-back means a position between the two but nearer back than front.

10. The vertical position of the tongue as a whole may also be varied, and it is important to distinguish at least three vertical positions, high, mid and low. When the tongue is in high position, the body of it is raised so that it is felt along the roof of the mouth and against the upper teeth, as in the vowel of **he** [hiː]; when it is in the mid position, as in the stressed vowel of **fetter** ['fɛtəɹ], it extends along the middle of the mouth and the point rests against the roots of the lower front teeth; when it

is in low position, as in the vowel of **haul** [hɔɪl], the tongue rests on the floor of the mouth and the point touches the lower gums. The surface divisions and the vertical positions of the tongue are important in analyzing both vowel and consonant sounds, but more important for vowels than consonants. A looking-glass should be used as an aid in studying the movements and positions of the tongue. For a more exact analysis of the vertical positions of the tongue, one might consider five positions, as follows, high, high-mid, mid, low-mid, low.

11. *Tense and Slack Sounds.* One other distinction with respect to the tongue is significant, especially in the study of vowel sounds, that is, the degree of its muscular tension. It may be slack (or relaxed), as in the vowel of **sit** [sɪt], or tense (or flexed), as in the vowel of **he** [hiː]. When the vowel is slack its vertical position is slightly lower than when tense, but not so much so as would follow a general shifting of the body of the tongue. The vowels of **he** and **sit** are both high vowels, the former being high blade tense, the latter high blade slack. The sides of the mouth and the lips generally are also likely to be held more firmly in pronouncing a tense than in pronouncing a slack sound. All long and stressed vowels are relatively tenser than short or unstressed vowels. A phonetic alphabet of high precision should have a means for indicating degrees of tenseness, but for practical purposes perhaps these general remarks and those to be found under the discussion of the separate sounds will prove as useful as an elaborate system of representation, and less distracting. Speakers differ widely in the degree of tenseness and slackness of their sounds, a slow and lazy speaker often having none of the tense vowel sounds

which are characteristic of a cultivated and vigorous enunciation. The only way of testing the organic difference between tense and slack sounds is by observing the difference in muscular sensation which attends the production of them. By focusing attention upon these sensations, one may become as clearly conscious of muscular tension in the tongue as of muscular tension in the arms or legs.

12. *Stops and Continuants.* The column of air as it issues may be completely stopped by the organs of speech, with a sudden release or explosion, or only partially stopped, with a gradual emission of the breath. When it is completely stopped, the sounds produced are stop consonants (also called explosives, or plosives), e.g., **d** in **did** [dɪd], **p** in **pip** [pɪp], **b** in **bib** [bɪb]. When the air passage is only partly obstructed, the sound produced is a continuant consonant, e.g., the sounds represented in the conventional alphabet by **r, l, m, n, th, f, v, s, z, h, ch, sh, y**. Stop consonants are instantaneous, but continuants share with vowels the possibility of being lengthened indefinitely. The difference between vowel and consonant is largely one of degree, a vowel being a sound produced without any notable obstruction of the vocal passage, a consonant, one in which the air current is definitely obstructed, either wholly or partially. Certain vowels, such as the vowel [iː] when pronounced very tensely, or the vowel [u] pronounced with excessive rounding, shade imperceptibly into the continuant consonants [j], [w]. Normally, however, the distinction between vowel and consonant is quite clear. The continuant consonants **r, l, m, n** are sometimes called semivowels, and they may constitute syllables by themselves without

an accompanying vowel, as in **winter** ['wɪntɹ], **table** ['teɪbl], **heaven** ['hɛvn]. Words of this type may, of course, be pronounced with a vowel before the final consonant, that is, ['wɪntəɹ], ['teɪbəl], ['hɛvən], but these would be very formal pronunciations. When a consonant is syllabic, a dot may be placed under it to indicate this fact. This is not necessary, however, since a consonant which is syllabic will naturally be pronounced so without special direction.

13. Stop consonants, both voiced and voiceless, though especially the latter, are pronounced in English with such a violent explosion of the breath, that they are mechanically followed by a slight, but distinctly audible breath continuant, [h]. A more exact representation of the consonants in **dig**, **toy**, etc., would therefore be [dʰɪgʰ], [tʰɔɪ], etc. This slight after-sound will not be indicated in the phonetic transcriptions of the present volume, the general statement here made being intended to cover all instances, but the phenomena should be carefully studied. Note that there is a greater aspiration after an initial than after a final consonant, as in **pop**; or when a consonant stands alone, as in **pool**, than when in close combination with another consonant, as in **spool**, cf. also **tin**, **sting**, **peach**, **speech**, etc.; or when a consonant bears a relatively heavy stress, than when lightly stressed, as in the two stop consonants of **paper**, the two [t] sounds of **potato**, the two [k] sounds of **cocoa**; or after a voiceless than after a voiced stop, cf. **toe** and **dough**. The extent to which the aspiration is present thus seems to depend upon the degree of intensity or energy with which the explosions are made. With some speakers the aspiration is scarcely audible at all, though such speakers are rare

and are usually of a somewhat listless habit in speech. On the other hand, an extreme of aspiration is present in some forms of dialect speech, see below, p. 202.

14. In words like **better, winter, putty,** and in general in words in which a stressed stop is followed by an unstressed **–er,** or an unstressed vowel, the stop is sometimes pronounced without aspiration, the final syllable **–er** being ordinarily represented merely by a syllabic **r,** i.e., [ˈbɛtɹ], [ˈwɪntɹ]. But the pronunciation with the stop consonant aspirated is to be preferred. When a voiceless stop is not aspirated, it commonly sounds like a voiced stop, as in pronunciations like [ˈwɪndɹ], [ˈbɛdɹ], [ˈwədɹ], [ˈlɛdɹ], [ˈpʌdɪ], for **winter, better, water, letter, putty.** See § 240.

15. When two stop consonants come together, the first of the two is usually pronounced with an incomplete explosion of the breath. Thus words like **looked** or **befogged** are not pronounced with a fully formed [k] as in **look,** or a fully formed [g] as in **fog,** followed in the former case by [t], in the latter by [d]. If they were, the complete phonetic form of such words would be something like [lʊkʰtʰ], [bɪˈfɔgʰdʰ]. What happens is that the organic position for [k] or [g] is assumed, is then held for a moment, the organic position for the following stop being arrived at before any explosion takes place. In consequence, there is only one complete explosion in **looked befogged,** and many similar consonant combinations. There is, however, a very slight fricative consonant sound, a kind of [h], which is heard after the vowel and before the pause. Analytically, a word like **looked** would consist of the initial consonant, the vowel, the slight frictional glide before the stop position for [k] is completely assumed, a

pause, and finally the explosion which produces [t]. See § 346.

16. *Palate and Nose.* The palate may be considered as composed of two parts, the soft-palate (or velum), at the back of the mouth, and the hard-palate, which forms the concave roof of the mouth. In front of the hard-palate lies the bony ridge of the alveoli or gums. The hard-palate is immovable, but the soft-palate is subject to muscular control and can be raised or lowered at will. When it is raised, as for the most part it is in speaking, it closes the entrance to the nasal canals, hence the name **velum**, 'veil.' When it is lowered, the air is permitted to pass through the nose, as in breathing or in the production of the nasal consonants **n** [n] as in **sin** [sɪn], **m** [m] as in **him** [hɪm], **ng** [ŋ] as in **song, sing** [sɔŋ], [sɪŋ]. In pronouncing a nasal consonant, no breath is permitted to escape through the mouth, but the current is stopped either at the lips, as in [m], or within the mouth by the pressure of the tongue against the front of the roof of the mouth, as in [n], or further back, as in [ŋ].

17. *Nasal Vowels.* English has no nasal vowels in recognized good use, though with many speakers in America, almost all the vowels, but especially the low and mid slack vowels, are nasalized, and at the same time are lengthened or 'drawled,' see §§ 80–82, 128. The nasal pronunciation of vowels is usually the result of a lazy and unenergetic enunciation. It is by no means peculiar to American speech, but is heard in England, if not as generally, often quite as markedly as in America. Since nasal vowels result from lowering the velum and thus permitting air to issue through the nose as well as the mouth, a good way to test their presence in one's

speech is to hold the nostrils shut while pronouncing the vowels. If one finds that one's vowels are the same, whether one holds the nostrils shut or does not, there can be no nasalization in the sounds. But if one finds that one produces a different vowel sound when one holds the nostrils shut from that which is produced when one does not, this means that the vowels are nasalized, the peculiar quality of the sounds in the first case being due to the fact that the air which normally escapes through the nose in pronouncing a nasal vowel is obstructed artificially by the pressure of the fingers on the nostrils. This produces the peculiar 'twang' described in the next paragraph. The fault of nasalization is one merely of habit and can be corrected by practice. It is most likely to occur in vowels which precede or follow a nasal consonant, whether [m], [n] or [ŋ], but with many speakers it is heard also in vowels not in nasal surroundings. Nasalization of vowels is so general in American speech that it often passes unnoticed, and is often present in the speech of persons who are quite unaware of the fact and who can be made to realize it only after much patient observation. Some speakers who do not ordinarily nasalize vowels are inclined to do so when they are tired.

18. Another kind of faulty nasal speech is sometimes heard in speakers who pinch together the walls of the nose at its outlet, raising the upper lip and tightening all the muscles of that region of the face, the result being a peculiar 'twang' or resonance which is immediately corrected by relaxing these muscles and allowing the breath to issue freely from the nose in pronouncing nasal consonants, and in the case of vowels, by raising the velum so that the air does not enter the nasal canals at all. This

kind of nasalization is less common than that described in the preceding paragraph, though it is marked in some types of American dialect speech.

19. The 'talking through the nose' of a person with a cold in the head is not truly described by this phrase, for one of the main characteristics of this supposed talking through the nose is that the velum and the nasal passages being inflamed and swollen, the nasal channels are obstructed mechanically, and the escape of the breath through the nose, which takes place when the velum is lowered in pronouncing a nasal consonant, or when it relaxes normally after the pronunciation of other consonants or a vowel, is prevented. The result is that instead of **n** [n], one with a cold will pronounce something like [d], and for **m** will pronounce [b], and for [ŋ] will pronounce [g], as in [gʊd ˈbɔɪdɪg] for **good morning**; [sprɪg, ˈdʒɛdtl sprɪg] for **spring, gentle spring**; [ə koɪld ɪd baɪ doɪz] for **a cold in my nose.**

20. *The Lips.* The form of the lips is also to be noted, especially in studying vowel sounds, and is easily observed. They may be drawn back (wide or spread) as they are in pronouncing the vowel of **he, see, tea,** etc., or they may be rounded (protruded or pouted) as they are in pronouncing the vowel of **too, do, blue,** etc. When they are neither wide nor rounded, but are in the normal position of rest, as in the first vowel of **father,** or the first vowel of **about,** they are said to be neutral. Various stages of widening are to be observed between neutral position and the extreme wide position of **tea,** and likewise various degrees of rounding between neutral position and the extreme rounding of **too.** Even a slight shift from one position to another may modify the quality

of a vowel. Many speakers tend to move their lips very little, and almost all English sounds can be made audibly, though monotonously and not clearly, with practically no motion of the lips. A clear and distinct enunciation, however, demands an active muscular control of the lips.

II

DESCRIPTION OF SOUNDS

21. *Voiced Stops.* The phonetic symbols for the voiced stops are [b], [d], [g]. The first of these is a voiced bilabial stop, as in **beet** [biːt], **baby** ['beːbɪ], **bib** [bɪb]; the second is a voiced point alveolar stop, as in **do** [duː], **shady** ['ʃeːdɪ], **did** [dɪd]. The character of the sound represented by [g] varies considerably according to the quality of the vowel sounds with which it is combined. With a back vowel, as in the word **gong** [gɔŋ], the sound is a voiced back soft-palate stop. When the vocalic surrounding is front, as in **geese** [giːs], **fatigue** [fæ'tiːg], the consonant is a voiced front hard-palate stop. The shading from the extreme of the back sound to the extreme of the front sound is gradual in differing combinations. As the front or back quality of this sound is dependent upon the vowel with which it is combined and is necessarily determined by it, in the interest of economy in the alphabet one symbol, [g], will be used in this book for all shades of the sound.

22. *Voiceless Stops.* The phonetic symbols for the voiceless stops are [p], [t], [k]. They are the voiceless equivalents of [b], [d], [g], the first being a voiceless bilabial stop, as in **pay** [peɪ], **pope** [poːp]; the second a voiceless point alveolar stop, as in **hit** [hɪt], **debtor** ['dɛtəɹ]. As with [g], the character of the sound represented by [k] is determined by vocalic surrounding. In

call [kɔːl], the initial consonant is a voiceless back soft-palate stop, but in **keel** [kiːl] it is a voiceless front hard-palate stop.

23. *Fricative Continuants.* The term 'fricative continuants' designates those consonants which produce an acoustic effect of whistling, hissing, puffing, 'rolling,' or merely 'rough breathing.' They are of several varieties and must be described separately.

24. [h] represents the voiceless glottal fricative and the voiceless front fricative. As a voiceless glottal fricative, [h] is produced with the tongue lying neutral on the floor of the mouth, as it does in normal breathing, but with the glottis so narrowed by a partial closure of the vocal chords that the air in passing between them causes an audible friction. If the vocal chords were drawn close together and the glottis quite closed, the air forcing its way through would set the chords vibrating and thus produce a vowel sound. Thus in the exclamation **Ha!** [hɑːɪ], the only change which takes place in the transition from the consonant to the vowel is a change at the glottis, which changes from half-closed in [h] to closed in [ɑːɪ]. When [h] precedes a vowel the formation of which requires a departure of the tongue from that position of almost completé rest which it occupies in [ɑ], the tongue position is assumed for the vowel even while the consonant is being pronounced, as in **hat** [hæt]. And in general one may say that there are as many varieties of [h] as there are varieties of vowels before which it may stand. Before the high vowels, however, the glottal friction tends to be replaced by a friction made in the mouth, and [h] standing before a strongly stressed [iː], as in **heed** [hiːd], becomes a voiceless front fricative, formed by

pressing the front of the tongue so hard against the palate that the air in escaping produces a consonantal noise. The main differences between [iɪ] and [h] in **heed** are that in the consonant the tongue is pressed closer to the palate, therefore forms more of an obstruction to the current of air, and that the consonant is voiceless, the vowel voiced. The voiceless front fricative is still more unmistakeably heard in words like **hue**, **hew**, **Hugh** [hjuɪ], **huge** [hjuɪdʒ], **humor** ['hjuɪməɹ]. It is both unnecessary and impracticable to record all shades of [h], and the one symbol will be here used to cover all varieties of the sound.

25. [j] represents the voiced front fricative, formed with the front of the tongue raised close to the hard-palate, the sound made by the breath escaping through the narrow opening being accompanied by vibration of the vocal chords. Before a back vowel, as in **yawl** [jɔːl], the [j] is formed slightly farther back than it is before a front vowel, as in **yield** [jiːld], but the difference is not great. This sound is not strongly consonantal in English. The tongue position for it is almost the same as for [i], and this vowel slightly raised and intensified passes over into [j]. It is the first element in the so-called 'long **u**' sound, as in **music** ['mjuɪzɪk], **pure** [pjuɪɹ], etc. It is commonly represented in the ordinary spelling by **y**.

26. [ʍ] may be described as a voiceless, back, lip-rounded fricative. The tongue is raised at the back, the lips are rounded so as to reduce the opening of the mouth, thus causing a friction that produces a slight whistling sound. Its corresponding voiced form is [w], though [ʍ] is slightly more whistling than [w], the lips being more pursed and the breath expelled more energetically. The usual spelling for [ʍ] is **wh**, as in **whit**

[ʍɪt], **which** [ʍɪtʃ], **while** [ʍaɪl], etc. Many speakers have only [w] for both [w] and [ʍ], see §§ 27, 372.

27. [w] is the voiced, back, lip-rounded fricative. The distinction between the voiced and voiceless sound will be apparent to some speakers only after close observation and experiment. Speakers who have no [ʍ] are advised to study carefully the pronunciation of such pairs of words as **whit, wit, whet, wet, when, wen, which, witch,** etc. The ordinary spelling for the sound is **w**, but also **u** after **q, g**, as in **quit** [kwɪt], **language** ['læŋgwɪdʒ], after **s** in **persuade, dissuade**, etc., and the sound appears also in several words, e.g., **one** [wʌn], **choir** ['kwaɪəɹ], the spelling of which is exceptional.

28. [f], the voiceless upper-teeth lower-lip fricative, as in **fit** [fɪt], **stiff** [stɪf], **famish** ['fæmɪʃ], **rough** [rʌf], **philosophy** [fɪ'lɑsəfɪ]. The sound is caused by the escape of the breath as it is forced through the openings between the upper teeth. With some speakers whose teeth are set very close together, the breath is allowed to escape between the edges of the upper teeth and the lower lip. In general it should be said that owing to the great difference which exists among individuals in the formation of their teeth, all sounds in the production of which the teeth are a prominent factor can be and are produced in a variety of ways.

29. [v], the voiced upper-teeth lower-lip fricative, as in **live** [lɪv], [laɪv], **vat** [væt], **vision** ['vɪʒn], ['vɪʒən], **heavy** ['hɛvɪ]. Foreign speakers sometimes pronounce [v] for [w], in learning English, but the error is easily corrected by observing the manner in which the sounds are produced. In pronouncing [w], the upper teeth

never touch the lower lip, but both upper and lower lip are protruded. In pronouncing [v] the lips are drawn back or widened.

30. [θ] is a voiceless point inter-dental fricative. The point of the tongue is between the upper and lower teeth, the breath escaping mainly between the middle upper teeth. Some speakers extend the point of the tongue between and slightly beyond the teeth, but with others the tongue is placed merely on the edge of the upper teeth. The acoustic effect is the same. Examples of words in which [θ] occurs are **thing** [θɪŋ], **breath** [brɛθ], **hath** [hæθ], **myth** [mɪθ], **wrath** [ræθ].

31. [ð] is the voiced equivalent of [θ], being a voiced point inter-dental fricative, as in **that** [ðæt], **thus** [ðʌs], **father** ['fɑːðəɹ], **feather** ['fɛðəɹ], **baths** (*noun*) [bæːðz], **with** [wɪð]. When strongly stressed, as in the adverbial position at the end of a sentence, **with** may have a voiceless consonant, [wɪθ].

32. Many foreigners, for example Frenchmen and Germans, have difficulty with the sounds [θ], [ð] in speaking English, not because the sounds are hard in themselves, but because they do not occur in the native language of the speakers, and being unfamiliar, are pronounced like sounds that are familiar, usually [f], [s] or [v], [z]. Any one who understands the way in which the sounds are made can readily produce them.

33. [s], a sound of somewhat complicated formation. The point of the tongue is pressed lightly against the upper teeth, the blade lightly against the gums, the front teeth are loosely closed, and the breath is sent forth in a

narrow stream over the tongue and between the teeth. It may be described, therefore, as a voiceless, blade-alveolar point post-dental fricative. It appears in words like **sin** [sɪn], **sieve** [sɪv], **cell** [sɛl], **psalm** [sɑːm], **receive** [rɪ'siːv], **fancy** ['fænsɪ].

34. The difference between normal [s] and a sharp, hissing sound sometimes heard for **s** is that in the latter the teeth are tightly closed, the tongue tense, and the breath sent forth with greater force than it is in [s]. In cultivated speech, [s] is a gentle rather than an energetic sound.

35. [z] is formed in the same way as [s], with the addition of voicing. The tongue may be very slightly lower and more relaxed in pronouncing [z] than it is in pronouncing [s]. The sound is commonly written as **z** or **s**, as in **zinc** [zɪŋk], **zealous** ['zɛləs], **dizzy** ['dɪzɪ], **his** [hɪz], **beds** [bɛdz], **music** ['mjuːzɪk].

36. When [z] occurs at the end of a word, the sound is really composed of two parts. The main part is the voiced continuant represented by the symbol [z], but at its conclusion the sound changes from voiced to voiceless, from [z] to [s]. In their treatment of [z], some speakers, usually those of foreign tradition, have a very 'buzzing' kind of pronunciation, due to the fact that their final [z] is pronounced voiced throughout. This makes the sound seem unusually long, though its peculiarity lies not in its length, but in the lack of the voiceless ending which is present in standard speech.

37. [ʃ], as in **ship** [ʃɪp], **wish** [wɪʃ], **chip** [tʃɪp], **shawl** [ʃɔːl], **bush** [bʊʃ], **mission** ['mɪʃn], ['mɪʃən], may be described as a voiceless, blade-dental point-alveolar frica-

tive. The blade of the tongue presses against the sides of the middle upper teeth, closing the openings there, the point almost touches the upper gums, the teeth are closed, and the breath issues along the channel between the tongue and the roof of the mouth through the openings between the upper front teeth. The channel through which the breath issues is broader than it is in pronouncing [s]. The sound is represented in a great variety of ways in conventional spelling, see § 327.

38. [ʒ], as in **pleasure** ['plɛʒəɹ], **decision** [dɪ'sɪʒn], **judge** [dʒʌdʒ], is the voiced equivalent of [ʃ]. It has no letter of its own in the conventional alphabet and is indicated in spelling in various ways, see §§ 328 ff.

39. [r] is produced by raising the body of the tongue so that the sides of it press against the upper teeth, tilting the point of the tongue so that it just barely touches the bony ridge of the gums, and allowing the breath to escape with a distinctly audible friction over the point of the tongue and between the teeth, which are slightly open. It may be described, therefore, as an alveolar **r**, with reference to the position of the tongue. The vocal chords are in vibration and the lips are slightly drawn back. The breath escapes with considerable force between the up-tilted point of the tongue and the alveoli, and it is here that the consonantal friction in [r] is produced, not as the air passes between the teeth. The tongue positions for [r] are somewhat similar to those for [ʃ], [ʒ], but in [r] the teeth are open, in [ʃ], [ʒ] the upper and lower teeth are generally in close contact.

40. This is the sound commonly heard in American speech for **r** initially, as in **red** [rɛd], between vowels, as

in **very** ['vɛrɪ], and after consonants, as in **dress** [drɛs]. Before proceeding further with the consideration of various other kinds of **r**, the student is advised to observe extensively the occurrence of [r] in the three positions just mentioned in different words, and to study the sound itself so as to be able to distinguish the consonantal from the vocalic element in it. A voiceless **r**, which is merely frictional, should be compared with the voiced fricative [r], as for example the **tr** of **tread** pronounced separately without voicing as compared with **red**, **read** (preterite of the verb), pronounced [rɛd] with voicing.

41. A trilled or rolled **r**, though not very common in American speech, is sometimes heard, especially for **r** between vowels, as in **very**, **hurry**, etc. It is commonly cultivated in stage pronunciation on the ground that it carries better than the fricative **r**. It is also cultivated by telephone operators in the pronunciation of **three**. It is formed by causing the point of the tongue to tap or vibrate against the gums, once or more, and in highly-developed forms of trilled **r**, a considerable number of times. This sound is so rare in American speech that it has not seemed necessary to provide a special symbol for it. It may be regarded as a variant form of [r].

42. [ɹ] is also a voiced sound, but the friction accompanying the vocalic element is so slight that one might hesitate to group it with the fricatives, or with the consonants at all. Its orthographic representation, however, is **r**, and it is commonly thought of as being a variety of this sound.

In pronouncing [ɹ] the point of the tongue is not tilted as high as in [r], but if it were permitted to touch the roof of the mouth, which it does not do, it would strike

the region just back of the upper teeth and in front of the place where the concavity of the roof of the mouth begins. It is commonly heard in American speech before consonants and finally, as in **part** [pɑːɹt], **hard** [hɑːɹd], **heard** [həɹd], **cord** [kɔɹd], **fir, fur** [fəɹ], **demur** [dɪ'məɹ], **car** [kɑːɹ], **dinner** ['dɪnəɹ], **color** ['kʌləɹ], **never** ['nɛvəɹ], etc. There is less friction in the pronunciation of [ɹ] than of [r], the space between the tongue and the roof of the mouth being greater, and some phoneticians do not recognize any consonantal value for orthographic **r** before consonants and finally. It is true that [ɹ] is regularly omitted by some speakers, especially in the East and South in America, when it is final or stands before another consonant, the difference between **taw** and **tore, pot** and **part,** so far as there is one with such speakers, being altogether a difference of vowel quality or length. In unstressed position, as in **never,** the word ends, in this manner of speech, with the vowel [ə], as in ['nɛvə]. A word like **part** consists, in this pronunciation, of only three elements, [p], [ɑː] and [t], giving [pɑːt]. But in all regions of the United States, especially away from the Atlantic seaboard, an orthographic **r** commonly has phonetic value before consonants and when final. Whether one calls this sound which is heard a consonant or not is of little importance, provided the existence and quality of the sound itself are recognized. Its presence can be easily demonstrated by observing the tongue positions in pronouncing a word like **part.** This word, in American pronunciation which is not typically Eastern, contains four elements, the first and last being stop consonants, the second and third resulting from a shifting of the tongue from mid to high position accompanied by curving or tilting of the point. In **never,** when the word ends

only in a vowel, as in Eastern American pronunciation, the tongue position at the conclusion of the word is that of [ə], that is mid position, with the point of the tongue touching or on a level with the lower front teeth. With those, however, who are said to pronounce their **r**'s, the word ends with the tongue in high position and the tip of the tongue on a level with the roots of the upper teeth, giving ['nɛvəɹ]. The difference between [r] and [ɹ] may be tested by pronouncing the word **never** by itself, and then by letting it be followed by **rains**, as in **it never rains.** Of course if one has no final **r**, this would be simply [ɪt 'nɛvə reɪnz]. But if one pronounces final **r**'s, the final consonant of **never** cannot simply be carried over, like a long consonant (see § 83), to satisfy the demand for the initial consonant of **rains.** A slight modification in articulation is observable in pronouncing the two **r**'s, which is adequately represented, however it be named, by the two phonetic symbols [ɹ] and [r].

43. Some speakers, especially those of an unenergetic habit of enunciation, pronounce [ɹ] for [r] even in the stressed initial position, between vowels, and after consonants. The pronunciation of [r] for [ɹ], that is a strongly fricative consonant finally and before other consonants, as in ['nɛvər], [pɑːrt], etc., is current in localities, but is not general in standard American English.

44. Another variety of **r** is heard, especially in the North Central states and in the Middle West, which is produced by bending back the point of the tongue so far that if it actually came into contact with the roof of the mouth, it would strike about the middle of the hard-palate. This is often spoken of popularly as 'guttural r,' though it would be truer to the facts to call it a hard-

palate **r**, or simply, back **r**. Dialect story writers usually represent it by doubling the spelling, as in **corrn, farrm,** etc. The sound is often so marked in the regions in which it occurs as to constitute as distinct a dialect feature as the loss of [ɹ] before consonants and finally is for the Atlantic seaboard. Speakers who have this back [r] are often said to 'roll their **r**'s,' though as a matter of fact there is no more rolling or tapping of any of the organs of speech in pronouncing this **r** than there is in pronouncing the common [r], [ɹ]. It is, however, sometimes prolonged. Englishmen and Eastern Americans often find this sound offensive.[1]

45. *Lateral Continuants.* Lateral or side continuants are represented in standard English only by **l** [l], as in **land** [lænd], **million** ['mɪljən], **all** [ɔl]. In forming this sound the point of the tongue is placed against the roots of the upper teeth, and the blade against the gums, which means that the whole body of the tongue lies in high position; the sides of the tongue are free and the air issues through the narrow channels at the sides of the mouth between the tongue and the cheeks. Normally the breath issues through both sides of the mouth, but the sound may be produced with the channel open only on one side of the mouth. Some speakers curve back the point of the tongue in producing this sound, so that the point

[1] "She [one of the characters in a Mississippi Valley story who has returned home after having been 'cultured up' in the East] did not say 'charrmed' like an alarm clock breaking out. She did not trundle his name [Orson Carver] like a wheelbarrow. Tudie rolled the 'r' on his eardrums as with a drumstick, and by contrast the sound came to him as: 'Misterr Carrverr comes from Harrvarrd. He calls it Havvad.'" — From "A as in Father," by Rupert Hughes, *In a Little Town*, p. 364.

presses against the front part of the hard-palate. It makes little difference in acoustic effect whether the breath issues through only one or through both sides of the mouth, but the curving back of the point of the tongue so that it presses against the hard-palate produces a variety of [l] which is not current in standard speech. This [l] is particularly noticeable when it is preceded by **i** or **e**, as in **hilly, sell** and similar words, the curving of the tongue for **l** affecting also the vowels and producing pronunciations somewhat like ['həlɪ], [səl]. It is noticeable also in final unstressed syllables, as in **table, moral, feeble, people**, and it is this 'dark' or 'thick' **l**, as it may be described, which writers of the popular dialect sometimes indicate by a spelling like **peepul** for **people**. It is a sound to be avoided in cultivated speech.

46. The quality of [l] in standard speech is not quite the same when it stands in the neighborhood of a front sound, as in **lit** [lɪt], **ill** [ɪl], as when it stands in the neighborhood of a back sound, as in **law** [lɔ:], **all** [ɔ:l]. The consonant takes color to some extent from its vocalic surrounding, and one may speak of a front and a back [l]. The difference is not so important, however, as to call for separate symbols for the two qualities. The sound is usually voiced, though it may sometimes be voiceless when it follows a voiceless consonant in an unstressed position, as in **hospital** ['hɑspɪtl], ['hɔspɪtl].

47. Because of its vocalic character, [l] sometimes constitutes a syllable without any accompanying vowel, as in **middle** ['mɪdl], **table** ['te:bl], **battle** ['bætl], **special** ['speʃl], not ['mɪdəl], ['te:bəl], ['bætəl], ['speʃəl], except in a very formal pronunciation.

48. *Nasal Continuants.* The nasal continuants are [m], [n], [ŋ], as exemplified respectively in **may**, **no**, **song** and **sing**. In [m] the lips are closed, the tongue is quiescent, the velum lowered, and the vocal chords in vibration, producing a bilabial nasal voiced continuant. In [n] the stoppage in the oral passage is made by the point of the tongue pressing against the upper gums, as in [d], the velum is lowered, allowing the air to pass through the nose, and the vocal chords vibrate, producing a point alveolar nasal voiced continuant. In [ŋ], as in **song** [sɔŋ], the back of the tongue presses against the forward part of the soft-palate, forming a back soft-palate voiced nasal continuant. In **sing** [sɪŋ] the front of the tongue presses against the hard-palate, forming a front hard-palate voiced nasal continuant. The grades of [ŋ] correspond in formation to [g], with the addition of nasalization, and as in the case of [g], [k], [h], only one symbol, [ŋ], will be used for all shades of this sound.

49. *Compound Consonants.* The initial and final consonants in **church**, **judge**, call for no special symbols, since **ch** is a combination of [t] and [ʃ], and may therefore be written [tʃ], and **j**, **dg**, is a combination of [d] and [ʒ], therefore written [dʒ]. It should be observed that **th** of the ordinary spelling does not stand for a double consonant, but for a sound which is as single as the sound of [s] or [f] or [z], and is therefore represented by a simple symbol, [ð] or [θ]. See § 8.

50. *Vowels.* In analyzing the vowels, one must consider (1) the vertical position of the tongue, whether high, mid, or low; (2) the region of the tongue which is most elevated in producing the several vowels, whether the

back, the front, a region between the back and front, the blade, or point, though the point is rarely of significance in vowel formation; (3) the degree of tenseness of the tongue, whether tense (flexed), or slack (relaxed); (4) the presence or lack of rounding of the lips. The tongue may lie also in altogether neutral position, with no part particularly active, in which case it is said to be flat. In describing the vowels it will be clearest to start with the high front vowels as the ones whose method of formation is most easily observed. It is easy to analyze the vowels at the extremes, like [iː] in **see** [siː], which is the highest and farthest front of all vowels, or [ɔː] in **saw** [sɔː], which is the lowest and farthest back of all English vowels. As one approaches the mid and front positions of the tongue, however, the analysis becomes increasingly difficult, and vowels like [ɛ] in **set** [sɛt], [ɛː] in **there** [ðɛːɹ], [ʌ] in **hut** [hʌt], [ʌː] in **hurt** [hʌːt], with the **r** silent, [æ] in **hat** [hæt], [aː] in **fast** [faːst], [ɑ] in **hot** [hɑt] differ from each other very slightly both in acoustic effect and in organic method of formation. Even slight variations, however, are often sufficient to draw attention to differing manners of pronunciation.

51. [i]. *High blade tense wide.* The body of the tongue is raised as high as it can be in the production of any English vowel sound. The blade and front are pressed up close to the hard-palate, the muscles of the tongue and the cheeks are tense or flexed, and the sides of the mouth are drawn back, making the lips wide. The point of the tongue rests against the backs of the lower teeth, as it does in almost all English vowel sounds. The mouth is open and the teeth apart about the space of the thickness of the tip of the little finger. This vowel may be

short or half-long, as in **completely** [kəm′pli·tlɪ], **deify** [′di·ɪ‵faɪ], **beatific** [‵biə′tɪfɪk], **seasonable** [′si·zənəbl], or long, as in **seed** [siːd], **see, sea** [siː], **deceive** [dɪ′siːv], **seethe** [siːð]. There is no difference in quality between [i] and [iː], though when final, [iː] may become somewhat diphthongal, see § 76.

52. [ɪ]. *High blade slack neutral.* This vowel is formed exactly like [i], except that the muscles of the tongue and cheek are relaxed, and the lips are allowed to fall into neutral position. It is always a short vowel, and examples of it are found in **sit** [sɪt], **city** [′sɪtɪ], **finish** [′fɪnɪʃ], **cylinder** [′sɪləndəɹ]. When the tongue is relaxed in [ɪ], it becomes slightly lower than it is in pronouncing [i].

In the two syllables of a word like **city**, the vowel is represented by the same symbol, though as a matter of fact, [ɪ] in unstressed position is slightly lower than [ɪ] in the stressed position. Separate symbols might be used to indicate this, or one may speak descriptively of [ɪ] in unstressed syllables as being more open or lower than [ɪ] in stressed syllables. It is the open [ɪ] which is frequently heard in unstressed initial and final syllables, as in **decide** [dɪ′saɪd], **begin** [bɪ′gɪn], **added** [′ædɪd], **basket** [′bæskɪt].

The vowel [ɪ] also appears as the second element in diphthongs, see §§ 71, 72, 75.

53. [e]. *Mid front tense wide.* The whole body of the tongue falls a little into mid position in passing from the two preceding sounds to this sound. The point of the tongue touches the bases of the lower teeth, but the front is arched so that it touches the sides of the upper teeth. The tongue and cheek muscles are flexed, and the lips are wide, though not so wide as in [iː]. The jaw drops a little from the position for [i], so that the distance between the

teeth is about the thickness of the index finger. This vowel may be short or half-long, as in **vacation** [ve-'ke·ʃən], **patriot** ['pe·trɪət], **fatally** ['fe·təlɪ], **complacent** [kəm'ple·sənt], or long, as in **raid** [reːd], **fade** [feːd], **place** [pleːs]. There is not usually any difference of quality between [e] and [eɪ], though the latter tends to become diphthongal when final or before voiced consonants and under full stress, see §§ 71, 207.

54. [ɛ]. *Mid front slack neutral.* This sound occupies the same position relative to [e] that [ɪ] does to [i]. It is always a short vowel in English, as in **set** [sɛt], **said** [sɛd], **medicine** ['mɛdɪsɪn], **debt** [dɛt], **perish** ['pɛrɪʃ], **ferry** ['fɛrɪ], **guess** [gɛs], **led, lead** (*noun*) [lɛd], **dense** [dɛns], **trench** [trɛntʃ].

55. [ɛɪ]. *Mid half-front slack neutral.* This is a long vowel which occurs only before **r** in stressed syllables, and is represented in spelling by **e, ei, ea, a, ai,** as in **there, their** [ðɛɪɹ], **pare, pair, pear** [pɛɪɹ], **fair, fare** [fɛɪɹ], **lair** [lɛɪɹ], **tear** (*verb*), **tare** [tɛɪɹ], **fairy** ['fɛɪrɪ], **Mary** ['mɛɪrɪ], **chary** ['tʃɛɪrɪ], **wary** ['wɛɪrɪ]. The vowel is really slightly lower than [ɛ] and is formed slightly farther back, that is, it is a half-front vowel, but it is represented here by the same symbol, with the mark of length added, to avoid increasing the number of symbols. As [ɛ] is never long, and [ɛɪ] occurs only in the position before **r** in stressed syllables, no confusion between the two sounds is likely to occur. Instead of [ðɛɪɹ], [pɛɪɹ], etc., those speakers who do not pronounce their final **r**'s have [ðɛɪə], [pɛɪə], etc.

56. [æ]. *Low front slack wide,* as in **hat** [hæt], **has** [hæz], **fashion** ['fæʃn], **laggard** ['lægəɹd], and very common

in American pronunciation in words like **path** [pæθ], **fast** [fæst], **dance** [dæns], etc., see §§ 124–130. In words of this latter type, the vowel sometimes becomes long, but ordinarily in standard pronunciation it is short. The tongue is in slightly lower position than it is for [ɛɪ], but is not as low as it can be made to be. To be more exact, one might describe its position as low-mid. The point of the tongue rests against the lower gums, but the front is raised and is felt lightly touching the lower edges of the upper teeth. The muscles of the tongue are relaxed, but the sides of the mouth are slightly drawn back, producing a very slightly wide lip formation. The mouth is open wide enough to enable one to insert the tips of the little and ring fingers.

57. [ɑ]. *Low half-back slack neutral,* as in **father** ['fɑːðəɹ], **palm** [pɑːm], and, in the pronunciation of some Americans, **fast** [fɑːst], **dance** [dɑːnts], [dɑːns], **calf** [kɑːf], etc. In these words the vowel is long, but the short vowel, with a difference only in quantity from the long, is commonly heard in America in words of the type of **hot** [hɑt], **not** [nɑt], **pod** [pɑd], **stop** [stɑp], etc. The tongue is low in the mouth, though not quite so low as in [ɔɪ], and the tip touches the lower gums. The part of the tongue which is raised is back, but not so far back as in sounds like [o], [ɔ], [ɔɪ], with which [ɑ] should be compared. It lies between the back and front surfaces of the tongue, but a little closer to back than to front and is therefore described as half-back. The tongue muscles are relaxed, and the lips are at rest or neutral. The space between the teeth is sufficiently wide to enable one to insert the index and middle fingers. The teeth are farther apart and the mouth more open in pronouncing

this vowel than they are in uttering any other English vowel.

58. [a]. *Low half-front slack slightly wide.* This sound is widely current, especially in artificial speech in America, as a compromise vowel between [ɑː] and [æ] in words of the type of **fast, calf, dance, grass,** etc., which are pronounced as [fɑːst], [kɑːf], [dɑːnts], [dɑːns], [grɑːs], or [fæst], [kæf], [dænts], [dæns], [græs], or [fɑːst], [kɑːf], [dɑːnts], [dɑːns], [grɑːs], etc. In these and similar words the vowel is commonly long. As a short vowel the sound occurs only as the first element in the diphthong [aɪ], see §§ 72, 209. The tongue position is the same as for [ɑ], except that the part which is elevated is slightly more forward than for [ɑ]; it is not a front sound, but is nearer to front than back position and is therefore described as half-front. The lips are slightly retracted or widened, and with some speakers, especially those who use the sound consciously, the muscles of the tongue and cheek are likely to be somewhat tense. The sound has acquired unusual importance in the discussion of American usage because it is so often cultivated as an artificial refinement in certain words which in natural, unconscious use have [ɑɪ] or [æ].

59. [u]. *High back tense rounded,* as in **mood** [muːd], **tube** [tjuːb], **juice** [dʒuːs], where it is long, or **musician** [mjuˈzɪʃn], **ludicrous** [ˈludɪkrəs], where it is short or half-long. There is no difference in quality between the long and the short vowel, though the long vowel sometimes tends to become diphthongal, see § 76. The tongue is raised high, with the back part of it touching the soft-palate. From the back forward the tongue slopes down until the point touches the lower gums. The muscles of

the tongue are moderately tense. The lips are protruded and distinctly pouted or rounded. The teeth are about as far apart as they are for [i], perhaps a little farther.

60. [ʊ]. *High back slack rounded,* as in **bush** [bʊʃ], **full** [fʊl], **book** [bʊk], **good** [gʊd]. The positions of the vocal organs are the same as for [u] except that the muscles are relaxed and the vowel is therefore slightly lower. It is normally only a short vowel, though some speakers might pronounce it long before [ɹ], in words like **poor, moor, lure,** etc.

61. [o]. *Mid back tense rounded,* as in **notable** ['no·təbl], **notation** [no'te·ʃən], **devotional** [dɪ'vo·ʃənl], where it is short or half-long, or **note** [noɪt], **spoke** [spoɪk], **rode, road** [roɪd], where it is long. There is commonly little difference in quality between [o] and [oɪ] in American speech, though [oɪ] tends to become diphthongal under certain conditions, see § 74. The tongue is in mid position in producing this vowel, the back elevated towards the soft-palate, the forward surface sloping down until the point touches the lower gums. The muscles of the tongue are moderately tense, and the lips are rounded slightly less than for [u]. This sound should be compared with [ʌ], [ʌɪ].

62. [ɔ]. *Mid back slack rounded,* as in **authority** [ɔ'θɔrɪtɪ], **long** [lɔŋ], **song** [sɔŋ], and in many words in which usage varies between [ɔ] and [ɑ], as in **positive** ['pɔzɪtɪv] or ['pɑzɪtɪv], **hot** [hɔt] or [hɑt], **dog** [dɔg] or [dɑg], etc. It is normally a short vowel in standard pronunciation, and its method of formation is the same as that of [o] except that the sound is slack, therefore slightly lower than [o]. The lips are also slightly less rounded.

63. [ɔː]. *Low back tense rounded,* as in **law** [lɔː], **awe** [ɔː], **thought** [θɔːt], **caught** [kɔːt]. The tongue is in the lowest possible position, the extreme back of it is elevated towards the soft-palate, the point touches the floor of the mouth beneath the lower gums, and the muscles of the tongue are somewhat tense. The lips are rounded, and the teeth far enough apart to enable one to insert the thickness of the thumb between them. This vowel is normally only a long vowel and occurs only in stressed syllables. In dialect pronunciation it appears in some words which in standard speech have [ɔ] or [ɑ], as in **dog** [dɔːg], **God** [gɔːd], **long** [lɔːŋ], **frost** [frɔːst], see § 111.

Though the same symbol is used for [ɔ] and [ɔː], the organic difference between the two vowels should not be overlooked. The vowel [ɔ] is not merely a shortened [ɔː], but acoustically and organically it is a recognizably different vowel. As the difference in quantity implies also this difference in quality, it has not seemed necessary to provide [ɔː] with a separate symbol.

64. [ʌ]. *Mid half-back slack slightly wide,* as in **cut** [kʌt], **up** [ʌp], **butter** ['bʌtəɹ], **hurry** ['hʌrɪ], **son, sun** [sʌn], **some** [sʌm]. This sound should be compared with [ɔ] the tongue positions for which are the same, except that in [ʌ] the part of the tongue elevated lies a little in front of back position, best described as half-back. The lips also instead of being rounded are slightly wide. Compare this sound likewise with [ɛː]. The vowel [ʌ] is normally only a short vowel.

65. [ʌː]. *Mid half-back tense slightly wide.* This vowel occurs only as a long vowel, and only before **r** followed by a consonant, or before **r** final, according to the ordinary spelling, in the speech of those persons who pronounce

no **r** in these combinations. Examples would be: **curse** [kʌɪs], **hurt** [hʌɪt], **fur, fir** [fʌɪ], **church** [tʃʌɪtʃ], **dirt** [dʌɪt], **person** ['pʌɪsən]. The sound should be clearly distinguished from [ʌ]. It is much more tense than [ʌ], therefore appreciably higher and more front, and the lips are slightly more retracted. The point of the tongue touches the lower teeth. The mouth is open, as in [ʌ], sufficiently wide to enable one to insert the ring finger between the teeth. The sound should also be distinguished from [ə] and [ə], both of which, besides being different in quality, are always short.

66. [ə]. *Mid flat slack neutral.* This is the so-called obscure vowel, which appears only as a short sound in unstressed syllables, as in **about** [ə'bɑʊt], **nation** ['neːʃən], **national** ['næʃənəl]. The method of formation of this sound is very similar to that of [ɑ], the main difference being that in [ɑ] the tongue is in low position, in [ə] it is in mid or perhaps low-mid position. The tongue lies almost level in the mouth in pronouncing [ə], the point touches the lower teeth, the muscles are very slack, as they naturally would be in an unstressed syllable, and the lips are at rest in neutral position. The positions of the organs of speech are very much as they are in normal breathing. Vowels which ordinarily have distinct values when they stand in stressed position may all of them become this vowel in the unstressed position (see § 94), especially in popular speech, as in the popular pronunciations **fellow** ['fɛlə], **yellow** ['jɛlə], **piano** [pɪ'ænə] for standard ['fɛlo], ['jɛlo], [pɪ'æno].

67. [ə]. *Mid inverted tense neutral.* This vowel occurs normally only as a short sound, before **r** [ɹ] followed by a consonant or before **r** [ɹ] final, in the speech of those

Americans who sound this [ɹ]. It is considerably tenser than [ə], therefore slightly higher and the middle parts of the tongue are somewhat more elevated. But the most characteristic quality of this vowel is due to the fact that the point of the tongue is lifted up and slightly inverted so that it is directed towards the roof of the mouth. In other words, the tongue position for [ɹ] is practically taken even while the vowel is being pronounced. This is the only vowel in English in the formation of which the point of the tongue rises above the level of the lower teeth, and the only one in which the tongue is hollowed or curved up. For this reason it is called an inverted vowel. The lips are neutral, and the teeth, as in [ə], are open wide enough to enable one to insert the ring finger. Examples of the occurrence of this sound are found in words like **clerk** [klɘɹk], **mercy** ['mɘɹsɪ], **pert** [pɘɹt], **dirt** [dɘɹt], **shirt** [ʃɘɹt], **hurt** [hɘɹt], **spurt** [spɘɹt], **dearth** [dɘɹθ], **worth** [wɘɹθ], **fur, fir** [fɘɹ], **her** [hɘɹ], **sir** [sɘɹ], **murmur** ['mɘɹmɘɹ], **infer** [ɪn'fɘɹ], **purr** [pɘɹ], **slur** [slɘɹ], **stir** [stɘɹ].

68. In unstressed final syllables, the **r** [ɹ] may be syllabic or may be preceded by [ə] as in **winter** ['wɪntɹ] or ['wɪntəɹ], **supper** ['sʌpɹ] or ['sʌpəɹ], **stronger** ['strɔŋgɹ] or ['strɔŋgəɹ]. The second of these would be rather marked formal pronunciations.

69. In segregating this sound from surrounding sounds in words, the student is advised to begin with the simplest possible combination, as in **err** [əɹ]. The double spelling **rr** in this word signifies nothing, as the word has phonetically only one consonant. The vowel preceding the consonant should be distinguished first from the vowel of a word like **ere** [ɛːɹ], which has the same vowel as **there, pair, bear**, etc. Those speakers who do not sound [ɹ] in

err have only a simple vowel in this word, commonly the vowel [ʌɪ]. Those speakers who do pronounce the final consonant have a short [ə] followed by the slight frictional **r** which is designated by [ɹ]. It may be helpful to practice pronouncing **err** with an alveolar **r** [r], or a trilled or back **r**, proceeding then to the slighter consonantal sound in [əɹ]. In passing from [ə] to [ɹ] the only change in the organs of speech is the increased raising or tilting of the point of the tongue which brings it into a position close to the roots of the upper teeth and which causes the slight frictional element in [ɹ]. Next one may proceed to the analysis of complexer groups of sounds, like **fir, fur** [fəɹ], **person** ['pəɹsən], **heard** [həɹd], **dirt** [dəɹt], **hurt** [həɹt], which should be clearly distinguished both from [fər], ['pərsən], [hərd], [dərt], [hərt], and from [fʌɪ], ['pʌɪsən], [hʌɪd], [dʌɪt], [hʌɪt]. The organic differences between [ʌ], [ʌɪ], [ə], [ə] are at first not easy to analyze, but the acoustic distinctions intended by the several symbols are apparent to a sensitive ear and often constitute quite noticeable differences in pronunciation.

70. *Diphthongs.* A diphthong is a vowel combination which starts with one tongue position and glides to another before the sound closes. There is no articulatory break between the two elements of a diphthong, as there is, for example, when the first two vowels of a word like **pre-eminent** [pri'ɛmənənt] are pronounced. A typical diphthong would be the vowel of **ride** [raɪd]. Diphthongs are sometimes written in the conventional spelling with two letters, as in **house** [haʊs], **boil** [bɔɪl], but sometimes also they are written with a single vowel.

In general long vowels tend to become diphthongal. Some of the long vowels, however, as [ɑɪ], [ɛɪ], are very

rarely diphthongal. The vowel [ɔː] sometimes becomes [ɔːə], the glide [ə] being caused by the instinctive raising of the tongue from the very low position of [ɔː] to the more normal mid position of [ə]. With inversion of the point of the tongue, this [ə] becomes [ɹ], see § 305. The commonest diphthongs in American English are [eɪ], [aɪ], [aʊ], [oʊ], [ɔɪ].

71. [eɪ]. This diphthong may be described as a diphthongal variant of [eː]. In a word like **fate** [feɪt], there is generally no diphthongal quality present in the American pronunciation of the vowel. It is a simple long vowel. When fully stressed before voiced consonants and at the end of stressed syllables, however, it tends to become more or less markedly diphthongal, as in **fade** [feɪd], **pay** [peɪ], **strayed** [streɪd] as compared with **straight** [streɪt].

72. [aɪ]. This is the common sound of words like **ride** [raɪd], **tie** [taɪ], **sigh** [saɪ], **sight, site, cite** [saɪt], **buy, by** [baɪ].

73. [aʊ]. An obvious diphthong, which appears in words like **house** [haʊs], **cow** [kaʊ], **trowel** ['traʊəl], **frown** [fraʊn].

74. [oʊ]. Like [eɪ], this sound may be described as the diphthongal quality of a long vowel, in this case [oː]. In words like **note** [noːt], **boat** [boːt], where the vowel stands before a voiceless consonant, it commonly has no diphthongal value. Before voiced consonants and finally, it tends to become more or less markedly diphthongal, as in **rose** [roʊz], **bowl** [boʊl], **road, rode** [roʊd], **tow, toe** [toʊ], **no, know** [noʊ], **though** [ðoʊ]. But see §§ 218–220.

75. [ɔɪ]. This is the clear diphthong of words like **boil** [bɔɪl], **boy** [bɔɪ], **void** [vɔɪd], **annoy** [ə'nɔɪ], **coign, coin** [kɔɪn]. With this last example compare **coincidence** [ko'ɪnsɪdəns], where **oi** is of course not diphthongal.

76. The vowels [i] and [u] are rarely diphthongal, even when fully stressed and long. When [i] becomes diphthongal, it starts on [ɪ] and closes with [i], as in **sea** [sɪi]. Ordinarily, however, American speakers would pronounce the vowel in this and similar words merely as [iː], making no qualitative but only a quantitative difference between the vowel of **see, sea** and the first vowel of **seasonable** ['sizənəbl]. In the same way the vowel of **two, too** may be pronounced as a diphthong, composed first of a slack followed by a tense element, that is [tʊu], but it is more likely to be heard merely as [uː]. The difference between the vowel of **tooth** [tuːθ] and the first vowel of **toothsomeness** ['tuθsəm'nɪs] is only one of quantity.

77. The diphthongal character of a prolonged [i] and a prolonged [u] may best be observed when these words are under an exceptionally heavy stress. For example, in **I didn't say key, I said tea,** the antithesis calls for a phonetic representation as follows: [aɪ dɪdnt se· 'kɪiː, aɪ sɛd 'tɪiː]. So also the vowel of **true** is likely to be noticeably diphthongal in the following phrase, **It may be interesting, but is it true?** [ɪt me· bɪ 'ɪntərɪstɪŋ, bət ɪz ɪt 'trʊuː?]. The words **say** and **may** in the above sentences are only slightly stressed and the vowel is short or half-long, not diphthongal.

78. [ju]. The so-called 'long **u**' of words like **mute** [mjuːt] is not, strictly speaking, diphthongal, since the sound which precedes [u] is consonantal and not vocalic.

It should be observed, however, that [j] in English is never a strongly consonantal sound; the close relation between [i] and [j] has been pointed out above, see § 25. One may occasionally hear this sound pronounced as [iu], but in standard speech its form is [ju]. It is grouped here with the diphthongs merely for practical convenience.

79. The two elements of a diphthong are commonly not equal in stress or length, but one is more prominent than the other. In [eɪ], [oʊ], [ɑʊ], [ɔɪ] the first element is the more prominent, in [ɪi], [ʊu], [ju] it is the second, and in [aɪ] it is mainly the second, though with many speakers the two elements of this diphthong are about equal in stress and length.

80. *Quantity.* As the term is used in phonetics, the word quantity refers primarily to duration, not to the difference of quality in sounds. Sounds may be long or short, the long sound being indicated by the sign [ː] placed after it. When it is necessary to indicate a degree between long and short, that is a half-long, which implies of course that one is uncertain whether the sound is long or short and that it may be either, the sign [·] is used. When not marked as long or half-long, sounds are to be considered short. It should be understood that the terms long and short are used not to designate absolute quantity, that a long sound is not always so many seconds or fractions of a second long. The vowel of **awe** [ɔː] is long, but so also is the vowel of **awful** ['ɔːfəl], though not absolutely so long as the vowel of **awe**. The length of a vowel depends very much upon the number of syllables in the word containing it, the position of the word in context, and also upon the amount of stress the syllable con-

taining the vowel receives. Unstressed vowels are very seldom long. Moreover, all vowels are appreciably longer before voiced than before voiceless consonants; cf. **bead** [biːd] and **beet, beat** [biːt], **feed** [fiːd] and **feet, feat** [fiːt], **league** [liːg] and **leek, leak** [liːk], **peas** [piːz] and **peace** [piːs]; or compare **loaf** with **loaves, life** with **lives, half** with the verb **halve**, etc. In the following words the vowels are all short, but not equally short: **let** [lɛt], **led** [lɛd]; **debt** [dɛt], **dead** [dɛd]; **hit** [hɪt], **hid** [hɪd]; **rot** [rɑt], **rod** [rɑd]; **hook** [hʊk], **hood** [hʊd], etc.

81. In a prolonged diphthong it is the first element of [eɪ], [oʊ], [ɑʊ], [ɔɪ] which is lengthened, the second element in [ɪi], [ʊu], [ju], and both in about equal proportions in [aɪ]. Examples of some of these prolonged diphthongs may be observed in a declamatory pronunciation of the first line of the *Star Spangled Banner*, **O say, can you see by the dawn's early light** [ˈoːʊ ˈseːɪ, kæn ju ˈsɪiː baɪ ðə ˈdɔːmz əɹlɪ ˈlaːɪt]. Ordinarily, however, it is not necessary to indicate the length of the elements of a diphthong, except [ju].

82. Many speakers in America have a slow and unenergetic manner of enunciation, which results in a dragging or 'drawling' of the vowel sounds, so that normally short vowels become long and long vowels become over-long. Thus **hat** [hæt] becomes [hæːt], **pitch** [pɪtʃ] becomes [pɪːtʃ], **well** [wɛl] becomes [wɛːl], etc., this last illustration being one of the conventional marks of Brother Jonathan's English on the stage and in fiction. This statement applies to diphthongs as well as simple vowels. The manner of speech is characteristic of provincial and rustic, not cultivated American English.

83. The distinction between long and short applies to consonants as well as vowels. Long consonants occur in English only when two consonants of the same kind come together in compound words or in close syntactical phrases with a main and secondary stress. Compare **pen-knife** ['pɛnˌnaɪf] with **penny** ['pɛnɪ], **mad dog** ['mædˌɔg] with **mattock** ['mætək], **lessee** ['lɛsˌi] with **dressy** ['drɛsɪ]. In rapid pronunciation a word like **pen-knife** may have only a short consonant, just as the phrase **a good deal** may be [əˌgʊdˌiːl] or [ə gʊ'diːl], though never [ə'gʊd 'diːl], except in artificial pronunciation. Note that long consonants are not double consonants, pronounced with two separate articulations. Spellings such as **occur**, **add**, **egg**, etc., are of course no indication that the consonants written **cc**, **dd**, **gg** are long. The consonant of **egg** [ɛg] is short, but in **egg-glass** ['ɛgˌlæs] it is long. Stop consonants are made long by assuming the stop position and holding it for a moment before the explosion is allowed to occur. A long stop consonant cannot be called a double consonant because a double consonant would call for two distinct explosions. A long continuant is merely the ordinary continuant prolonged.

84. *Stress.* Syllables are stressed, unstressed, or secondarily stressed (half stressed). Unstressed syllables are not marked, but stress is indicated by the acute accent before the syllable affected, secondary or half stress, by the grave accent, as in **inkwell** ['ɪŋkˌwɛl]. Stress like length is to be understood as a term of relative, not absolute significance. In a group of words like **A black bird is not necessarily a blackbird** [ə 'blæk 'bɜɹd ɪz nɑt nɛsə'sɛrɪlɪ ə 'blækˌbɜɹd], the third syllable of **necessarily** is marked as a stressed syllable, and it is stressed relative

to its surroundings, that is, it is the stressed syllable of its word, though not so strongly stressed as the second syllable or third of the phrase or either of the syllables of the last. And though the second and third words of the phrase are both stressed, they are not equally stressed, one or the other being made the more emphatic according as the logic of the phrase appeals to the speaker.

85. The stressing of syllables in words of two or more syllables is fixed with considerable exactness by convention, but the stressing of words in the word group varies with circumstances, logically emphatic words usually receiving relatively heavy stress. Sometimes the conventional stress of words is altered for the sake of emphasis, as when an antithesis is made prominent, e.g., **Thousands for defense, not a man for offense** [ˈθɑʊzəndz fɔɹ ˈdiːfɛns, nɑt ə mæn fɔr ˈɔfɛns]; or in a very emphatic or exclamatory word, e.g., **delighted** [ˈdiːˈlaɪtɪd], **absolutely** [æbsəˈljutlɪ], **exactly** [ˈɛgˈzæktlɪ], **exquisite** [ɛksˈkwɪzɪt], etc. Sometimes in the word group, even a word logically very unimportant is stressed for emphasis, especially in colloquial style, e.g., **"What did he say?" "He didn't have anything to say"** [ˈʍɑt dɪd hɪ ˈseɪ? hɪ ˈdɪdnt hæv ˈɛnɪθɪŋ ˈtu ˈseɪ].

86. The second element of compound words, so long as it bears a fairly clear logical content, carries a secondary stress, as in **book-shelf** [ˈbʊkˈˈʃɛlf], **butter-knife** [ˈbʌtəɹˈˈnaɪf], etc., but when the second element no longer has a separate logical value, it loses its stress, as in **husband** [ˈhʌzbənd], **cupboard** [ˈkʌbəɹd], etc. Sometimes the two elements of a compound are pronounced with practically equal or level stress, as in **beef-steak** [ˈbiːfˈˈsteːk], **ax-handle** [ˈæksˈˈhændl], **Broadway** [ˈbɹɔɪdˈˈweɪ], etc.,

but usually such words, when they appear in context, carry only a secondary stress on the second element, as in **beefsteak and potatoes** ['biːf-ˌsteːk n pə'teːtoz], unless a special need for emphasizing both logical elements in the compound is present.

87. Syllabic accent in words is fixed more or less exactly by convention, and especially in words of native origin, little variation in usage occurs. In some words of Latin origin, however, several ways of stressing the same word are current. In dissyllables compounded of a prefix plus a root, it is a fairly general rule that verbs stress the root, as in **perfume** [pəɹ'fjuːm], **refuse** [rɪ'fjuːz], **proceed** [pro'siːd], **combine** [kəm'baɪn], **protest** [pro'tɛst], **transfer** [træns'fəɹ], **absent** [æb'sɛnt], **premise** [prɪ'maɪz], **annex** [æ'nɛks], **abstract** [æb'strækt], **address** [æ'drɛs], etc.; whereas substantives stress the prefix, ['pəɹfjum], ['rɛfjuz], ['pro·sidz], ['kʌmbaɪn], ['pro·tɛst], ['trænsfəɹ], ['æbsənt], ['prɛmɪs], spelled **premise** or **premiss**, ['ænɛks], ['æbstrækt], ['ædrɛs], etc. But the rule is not infallible, and some noun compounds of this type are stressed sometimes on the first and sometimes on the second syllable, e.g., **address**, **annex**, **ally**, **allies**, **alloy**, **access**, **excess**, **recess** (but only **success** [sək'sɛs]). Academic authority sometimes prescribes a single pronunciation, e.g., [æ'laɪ], [æ'laɪz] for **ally**, **allies**, or [rɪ'sɛs] for **recess**, in spite of the fact of divided practice in usage.

88. In **cement** a distinction was formerly made between the noun ['sɛmənt] and the verb [sɪ'mɛnt], but now both noun and verb are stressed on the second syllable. The word is not etymologically a compound but seems to have been assimilated in feeling to verb compounds.

89. Sometimes stress determines meaning, as in **accent** ['æksɛnt], 'to stress or emphasize in speech,' but [æk'sɛnt], 'to emphasize particularly a thought or distinction.' The stressing of certain words also may change with their syntactical position. Thus **abject, adult, adverse, excess, occult,** and a great many other compounds of like kind used as adjectives, for which the dictionaries usually record only one form, with stress on the second syllable, may be stressed according to rule when the adjective stands in absolute position, e.g., **He was most abject** [æb'dʒɛkt] **in his behavior,** but when the adjective stands in regular adjective position before the modified word, the stress is likely to shift to the first syllable, e.g., **The most abject** ['æbdʒɛkt] **creature I ever saw.** Compare the phrase **a complex argument** [ə 'kɑmplɛks 'ɑɹgjumənt] with **his argument was very complex** [hɪz 'ɑɹgjumənt wəz 'vɛrɪ kɑm'plɛks], or **occult sciences** ['ɑkʌlt 'saɪənsɪz] with **in the regions of the occult** [ɪn ðə 'ri:dʒənz əv ðɪ ɑ'kʌlt]. In instances of this sort, accent seems to be determined by the rhythm of the phrase, and rhythm undoubtedly plays a large part in all variabilities of stressing in English. The statement of these rhythmical rules would be very complex, and the dictionaries, being under the necessity of speaking briefly and dogmatically, do not give a faithful or detailed picture of usage in these respects. Those speakers who follow the dictionary rules as to stressing are frequently compelled to substitute a mechanical rule in place of a natural practice. It is impossible to formulate any simple practical rules of certain guidance in the stressing of these variable dissyllables and polysyllables in English, since the words do not fall into clearly maintained categories. Under the circumstances, the most economical and practical method is to learn the

stressing of such words by observing and following usage.

90. The word **program, programme**, is pronounced ['pro͵græm], though a popular pronunciation ['progrəm] is also heard and seems to be growing in use. In **acorn** standard American pronunciation is ['eɪ͵kɔɹn], but in some regions of the South and West an earlier pronunciation ['eɪkəɹn] survives in local use. For **frontier** the usual American pronunciation is [frʌn'tɪəɹ], but in England ['frʌntɪə]. For **quinine** a number of pronunciations occur (see § 213), the most common being ['kwaɪ͵naɪn].

91. In words of three syllables an uncertainty in usage with respect to the stressing of the first or second syllable affects a number of words, of which a few typical examples may be cited. Words ending in **-ate** are commonly stressed on the first syllable, as in **acclimate, compensate, concentrate, confiscate, contemplate, demonstrate, illustrate**, though some speakers cultivate a pronunciation with stress on the second syllable.[1] For **remonstrate**, however, the stress is more commonly on the second syllable. The word **consummate** as a verb is stressed on the first syllable, as an adjective on the second.

92. Other instances of trisyllabic words in which usage is unsettled are **albumen, armistice, aspirant, combatant, combative, opponent, vagary**, the prevailing usage having stress on the first syllable of all these words except the last two. For **deficit** only a pronunciation with stress on the first syllable is current in America, but [dɪ'fɪsɪt] is general in England. For **envelope** (*noun*) the pronunciation is often [ɛn'vɛləp], but more commonly

[1] See New English Dictionary, under **contemplate.**

[ˈɛnvəˈlo·p] or [ˈɑnvəˈlo·p], [ˈənvəˈlo·p]. For **eczema** the professional and formal pronunciation is [ˈɛkzɪmə] or [ˈɛksɪmə], but popularly the word is often pronounced [ɛkˈziːmə]. The word **plebiscite** is a somewhat learned word with no definitely fixed popular pronunciation. It is most commonly pronounced [ˈplɛbɪˌsaɪt], [ˈplɛbɪsɪt], and less frequently [plɛˈbɪsɪt]. For **gondola**, a somewhat learned word, the conventional pronunciation is [ˈgɑndələ], but in popular speech often [gɑnˈdoːlə]. For **vehement** the standard pronunciation is [ˈvɪəmənt], but [vɪˈhiːmənt] is heard in popular speech. For **inquiry** a pronunciation with stress on the first syllable is sometimes heard, but the common standard pronunciation is [ɪnˈkwaɪrɪ]. For **idea** the standard pronunciation is [aɪˈdiə], but one frequently hears, especially in the South, [ˈaɪdɪə]. A pronunciation [ˈaɪˈdiːˌ], with both syllables about equally stressed, is popular and illiterate.

93. Under the head of words of three syllables may be considered words ending in **–able**, since the l in this ending is very lightly syllabic. The general tendency is to stress these words on the first syllable, unless the influence of another form, like **deny**, **rely**, **comply**, preserves the stress on the second syllable, as in **deniable** [dɪˈnaɪəbl], **reliable** [rɪˈlaɪəbl], **compliable** [kəmˈplaɪəbl]. But **referable**, **preferable** are always [ˈrɛfərəbl], [ˈprɛfərəbl], in spite of **refer**, **prefer**, [rɪˈfəɹ], [prɪˈfəɹ]. In **applicable**, **despicable**, **disreputable**, **formidable**, **hospitable**, the stress is commonly on the first syllable, but not infrequently the second syllable is stressed by cultivated speakers. In **admirable**, **dissoluble**, **lamentable**, **refutable**, **revocable**, the stress is very rarely on the second, though this pronunciation for **admirable** is frequent in popu-

lar English, and may sometimes be heard in the other words, perhaps through the influence of head forms like **dissolve** [dɪ'zɔːlv], **lament** [lə'mɛnt], **refute** [rɪ'fjuːt], **revoke** [rɪ'voːk].

94. An instance of unexpected stress in a trisyllabic word is **Willamette** [wɪ'læmət], town and river in Oregon.

95. In words of four syllables the question is again one of stressing either the first or the second syllable, though when the first syllable is stressed, there is usually more or less secondary stress on the third. Thus for **contemplative** the most general pronunciation is [kən'tɛmplətɪv], but also ['kɑntəm'ple·tɪv]; for **aristocrat** both [ə'rɪstəkræt] and ['ærɪstə'kræt]; for **fragmentary** the general pronunciation ['frægmən'tɛrɪ], but sometimes [fræg'mɛntərɪ]. For **difficulty** the only current pronunciation in America is ['dɪfɪkəltɪ]. For **diocesan** the analogy of **diocese** ['daɪəsɪs] sometimes produces a pronunciation ['daɪə'siːsən] for standard [daɪ'ɔsɪsən]. But the word is learned and has no general currency.

96. For **advertisement** both ['ædvəɹ'taɪzmənt] and [æd'vəɹtɪzmənt] are in current use; for **obligatory** both [ə'blɪgə'tərɪ] and ['ɑblɪgə'tərɪ]; for **peremptory** both ['pɛrəm'tərɪ] and [pər'ɛmptərɪ]. The standard pronunciation of **municipal** is [mju'nɪsəpl], but a popular form ['mjunə'sɪpl] is sometimes heard. For **capillary** both ['kæpə'lɛrɪ] and [kə'pɪlərɪ] are current, the former being the more general. For **celibacy** the current pronunciation in America is ['sɛləbɪsɪ], but in England both ['sɛləbɪsɪ] and [sə'lɪbəsɪ] are in standard use.

97. In general, American speech makes a much greater use of secondary stress in polysyllables than British

speech. Words like **declamatory, dignitary, derogatory, dysentery, extraordinary, sedentary, temporary,** many place names, such as **Birmingham, Bradbury,** etc., commonly receive in England only one stress, [dɪ'klæmɪtrɪ], ['dɪgnɪtrɪ], [dɪ'rɔgətrɪ], ['dɪsəntrɪ], [ɪk'strɔːdnrɪ], ['sɛdəntrɪ], ['tɛmprɛrɪ], ['bʌːmɪŋəm], ['brædbrɪ]; but in America such words almost universally bear a strong secondary stress besides the main stress, as in [dɪ'klæmə'tərɪ], ['dɪgnə'tɛrɪ], [dɪ'rɔgə'tərɪ], ['dɪsən'tɛrɪ], [ɪk'strɔːdɪ'nɛrɪ], ['sɛdən'tɛrɪ], ['tɛmpə'rɛrɪ], ['bəːmɪŋ'hæm], ['brædˌbɛrɪ].

98. In some words, however, secondary stress, though heard in popular speech, has been discarded in cultivated pronunciation, e.g., **interest, interesting,** ['ɪntərɪst], ['ɪntərɪstɪŋ], popularly pronounced ['ɪntər'ɛst], ['ɪntər'ɛstɪŋ] or ['ɪntɚ'ɛstɪŋ]; **cemetery** ['sɛmɪtrɪ], popularly ['sɛmə'tɛrɪ]; **favorite** ['feːvrɪt], **genuine** ['dʒɛnjuɪn], popularly ['feːvə'raɪt], ['dʒɛnju'aɪn].

99. *Vowels in Unstressed Syllables.* The general tendency of vowels in unstressed syllables, especially in informal colloquial speech, is to weaken and to become the vowel [ə], or in certain endings, [ɪ], see §§ 146, 173. Sometimes, however, in more formal speech, a vowel is used in unstressed syllables which has not the full and clear value which one ordinarily gives to the vowel in stressed position, nor yet the weakened sound of [ə] or [ɪ], but a sound intermediate between the two. Thus the word **oblige** in informal speech would be [ə'blaɪdʒ], and in very formal speech, a kind of spelling-pronunciation, it might be [o'blaɪdʒ]. But the initial vowel is more likely to be a compromise between [ə] and [o], and if it is desirable to indicate this orthographically, it is suggested that this be done by placing two dots over the [o], giving

[ö'blaɪdʒ]. The same device can be applied to the other vowels. Thus the word **violet** may be transcribed as normally ['vaɪəlɪt], but formally as ['vaɪölët]; **attack** as normally [ə'tæk], but formally [ä'tæk]; **fashion** as normally ['fæʃn] or ['fæʃən], but formally ['fæʃön]. It has not been deemed necessary to indicate these distinctions in the transcriptions of the present volume.

100. *Sound groups.* The division of speech into detached words, as in conventional printing and writing, does not usually correspond to the actual sound groupings of the language as spoken. In the phrase **Life like a dome of many colored glass** ['laɪf laɪkə'doɪm əv'mɛnɪ-'kʌləɪd'glæs], there are only three sound groups, the last being as much a single sound group as the word **incomprehensibility** [ɪn'kɑmprɪ'hɛnsɪ'bɪlɪtɪ]. In phonetic transcriptions, however, it seems more convenient to follow the traditional division into words, except when for special reasons it is advisable to indicate the real phonetic groupings.

101. In some few words like **don't, hasn't, isn't, won't,** this fusing of words into sound groups is represented in the conventional spelling, and writers of dialect stories often indicate them by spelling, as in "I gotta go" for "I've got to go." But what is thus made a humorous dialect characteristic is humorous only because of the unconventional spelling. All current colloquial speech in some degree makes such combinations and 'telescopings' of words which are syntactically closely related, e.g., **I used to think** [aɪ 'justə θɪŋk]; **Don't you want to come?** ['doɪntʃu 'wɔntə kʌm?]; **It wasn't your turn** ['twʌzən'tʃʊɹ 'tɝn]; **Did you get it?** [dɪdʒə 'gɛt ɪt?] or [dʒə 'gɛt ɪt?].

102. *Pitch.* It is impossible to indicate by any simple mechanical means which are adequate the rising and falling intonations of the voice in speech. Three degrees of pitch are readily observable, which may be designated as high, level and low, and one may construct intonation curves which will correspond to these more obvious changes of pitch in connected speech. It is doubtful, however, if these curves will convey to any one not already familiar with the speech a satisfactory realization of its cadences. The intonations of a speech are very important for its idiomatic use, but they are too subtle and varied for simple description, and must therefore be learned by direct observation and experience. Perhaps the most apparent general characteristic of American speech, so far as cadence is concerned, is its levelness of tone. The voice rises and falls within a relatively narrow range, and with few abrupt transitions from high to low or low to high. To British ears American speech often sounds hesitating, monotonous and indecisive, and British speech, on the other hand, is likely to seem to Americans abrupt, explosive and manneristic. Both habits of speech, it need scarcely be said, are established by convention, and one is not more conscious or affected than the other.

One reason for the relative levelness in pitch of American speech may be that the American voice in general starts on a higher plane, is normally pitched higher than the British voice. If it is true, as is often said, that American life is more intense, more highly keyed nervously, than life in England, the high pitch of the American voice may reasonably be regarded as a natural consequence of this state of affairs. There is likely to be less range of cadence in a tense than in a relaxed manner of speech. If one ventured to give any general advice to American

speakers, it would be therefore to cultivate repose and ease of utterance. From this will result naturally the variety in cadence and the flexibility which give to speech its characteristic melodic qualities. The relatively dry climate of America may have something to do also with the high pitch of the American voice. It is a fact easy of verification that the pitch of one's voice is considerably lower in soft foggy weather than it is on a dry clear day.

103. *Speed.* The rate of speed in utterance varies widely with the emotional quality of the content of speech, and also with the temperament of individuals. Some people talk like greased lightning, others are as slow as molasses. American speech as compared with British is commonly said to be slow and 'drawling.' The effect of 'drawling' is partly produced by the levelness of intonation in American speech, partly by the retention of secondary stresses in polysyllables (see § 97), though partly also by a distinctly slow tempo in the utterance of many speakers. The habit of slow tempo in speech is usually regarded in America, however, as a mark of rustic speech, or of somewhat humorous Brother Jonathan speech, and it is doubtful if on the whole American cultivated speech is any slower than British speech. Even if it were, however, this could not be said to constitute a very serious charge against the language.

104. *Timbre.* The timbre, or characteristic quality of the speaking voice, is something over which the individual has very little control. It is determined by nature through the special character and shape of each person's vocal apparatus, including of course the vocal chords, just as the characteristic sound of a fife or flute or other instrument is determined by its physical structure. Since

probably no two persons have exactly the same physical equipment of speech, the timbre of no two voices can be exactly alike. Timbre is therefore the most individual and personal of all the elements of speech. A keen ear can readily distinguish several different voices and assign them definitely to their owners, even when the voices pronounce what we commonly call the same sound. From its nature timbre does not enter into the discussion of practice in pronunciation. Training may, of course, accomplish much in enabling one to realize the possibilities of one's 'organ,' as for example by correcting defects and developing the various muscles controlling the production of speech, but training cannot alter its essential character.

105. *Proper Names.* The pronunciation of proper names, both place names and personal names, is in general subject to the same rules as the pronunciation of the other words of the language. A traditional spelling is more likely to be retained in proper names, however, long after the pronunciation has changed. This is especially true in family names, in which conservative family tradition often preserves a spelling which corresponds very inadequately to the current pronunciation of the names. In England this peculiarity is more marked than in America, and spellings and pronunciations like **Colquhoun** [kə'hum], **Claverhouse** ['klævəz], **Cockburn** ['koʊbən], **Marjoribanks** ['maːʃ–, 'maɪtʃbæŋks], **Meagher** ['maɪə], **Rivaulx** ['rɪvəz], to mention but a few among many, are likely to seem grotesque to the American eye and ear. In America the general tendency is to bring about a closer agreement between spelling and pronunciation, and for **Colquhoun** we commonly have **Calhoun**, for **Cockburn** either **Coburn** or a pronunciation which corresponds to

the spelling **Cockburn**, for **Meagher** a spelling **Maher**, or a spelling **Meeker** with corresponding pronunciation, or **Meagher** is pronounced [ˈmiːgəɹ].

106. Some American place names are direct borrowings from England, such as **Leominster** [ˈlɛmɪnstəɹ], **Gloucester** [ˈglɔstəɹ], **Worcester** [ˈwuːstəɹ], in Massachusetts, and have retained an archaic spelling. But the name of the town in Ohio named after the town in Massachusetts is **Wooster**, and many other proper names in America have undergone a similar rationalizing modification. Since proper names are always the personal possessions, so to speak, either of families, or of localities in which they are current, their pronunciations and spellings must be accepted in the form which their possessors wish them to have.

107. Many names of foreign origin have been Americanized, French **Du Bois** being pronounced [duˈbɔɪz], German **Koch** pronounced [kɑtʃ], Dutch **Schurman**, in which **sch** was [sk], as it still is in **Schuylkill** [ˈskuːɪlkɪl], **Schuyler** [ˈskaɪləɹ], etc., being pronounced as though it were the same as **Sherman.** One cannot make a general rule as to the pronunciation of such names of foreign origin, though it may be said that in the main any efforts which individuals may make to preserve the pronunciation of their names in accordance with their original phonetic forms are likely to prove unavailing in view of the strong general tendency to follow native analogies in pronunciation. Change in pronunciation may of course be held in check by changing spelling, as was done in the name **Knickerbocker**, originally spelled with **a** in the next to last syllable, pronounced [ɑ], but changed to **o** to avoid the common tendency to pronounce **a** as [æ] or [e]. In-

cidentally this change throws light on the American pronunciation of **o**, see §§ 110–111. It may be added that in thus Americanizing names of foreign origin, American speakers have done no more than English-speaking peoples have always done, as, for example, in what, from the Gallic point of view, must seem outrageous Anglicizations of **Bourchier** into [ˈbɑʊtʃə], of **Belvoir** into [ˈbiːvə], of **Beaulieu** into [ˈbjuːlɪ]. The French even the account, however, by Gallicizing English names, and any foreign words which pass current among a people are almost sure to suffer a sea-change in the course of time.

108. A somewhat noticeable feature in the American as well as British pronunciation of proper names is the tendency to stress dissyllabic family names on the second syllable, especially when in spelling the second syllable is written with a double consonant, as in the pronunciations **Birrell** [bɪˈrɛl], **Bithell** [bɪˈθɛl], **Cornell** [kɔɹˈnɛl], **Burnett** [bəɹˈnɛt], **Bennett, Bennet** [bɛˈnɛt], **Gillett** [dʒɪˈlɛt], **Furness** [fəɹˈnɛs], **Purcell** [pəɹˈsɛl], **Purnell** [pəɹˈnɛl], etc., but also even **Farrar** [fəˈrɑːɹ], **Millard** [mɪˈlɑːɹd], etc. In older usage these names were commonly all stressed on the first syllable, and in some instances the pronunciation with stress on the second syllable is quite recent and consciously assumed.

109. *Levels of Speech.* It is extremely important in the study of speech to be able to observe with detachment speech habits which in the main are quite unconscious. Though conscious speech habits are by no means unimportant, they constitute but a small part of the whole complex of a language and rarely indicate the direction of development which the language is taking. The student must cultivate the ability to observe the activities of

natural speech, which is normal speech, utilized for the purposes of communication with very little thought as to its formal character. Natural or normal speech thus differs from precise speech, which is largely self-conscious and theoretical, and it differs also from slovenly speech with which the precise speaker is inclined to confuse it. A speech may be fairly characterized as slovenly only when its articulations are habitually muddy and indistinct, when its general effect is such as to indicate a laxness of speech activities parallel to what untidiness and uncleanliness would be in other personal habits. Ungrammatical or dialect speech is not necessarily slovenly, and in fact it is often the reverse, being frequently very crisp and energetic. On the other hand, one may find slovenly speakers even among those who pass as highly cultivated. The natural level, between precise and slovenly speech, may best be observed in the familiar conversation of educated persons whose habits of speech are not finical or affected.

The appeal in testing natural speech must always be to the ear. No one 'speaks as he writes' in English, and the attempt to regulate speech by the visible word lands one in countless absurdities. The precise speaker, however, will often do violence to the natural form of a word in order to make it over according to the pattern of the visible word. No one in natural speech pronounces two **g**'s in **suggest** [sə'dʒɛst], and it is a purist affectation to attempt to do so. In **asked** no one pronounces a final [d], the sound being always [t], and in current speech, no one pronounces both a clear [k] and a clear [t]. One may pronounce a very slight [k]-sound, though most speakers have no [k] at all, but simply a long [s], e.g., [aɪsːt], and some omit the [t] altogether, pronouncing the preterite

like the present. This last pronunciation is not prevalent among cultivated speakers, though it represents no greater departure from the written form of the word than the prevalent pronunciation. In any case the natural pronunciation departs from the conventional spelling. In natural speech, unstressed vowels tend to become [ə], as, for example, **about** [ə'bɑʊt], **upon** [ə'pɔn], **amend, emend** [ə'mɛnd], **national** ['næʃənəl], **description** [dɪ-'skrɪpʃən], [də'skrɪpʃən], and only a conscious desire to reform the natural speech could lead to the attempt to introduce a clear vowel in the unstressed syllable of these words. But it seems safer to follow the normal processes of the language, and in doing so, one cannot do better than direct attention to the unconstrained speech of educated and well-bred persons. The decision who such persons are must naturally be left to individual judgment.

All natural and unconstrained speech is not, however, on the same level. The speech of formal discourse and of the public address, and in general of all expression where exceptional clearness and carrying power are important, differs in many details from the speech of colloquial and familiar conversation. Each is of course appropriate in its own surroundings, and it would be as much an error to speak formally when the situation called for familiar speech as to speak colloquially in a formal situation. If either level of speech be regarded as exceptional, it is obviously the formal speech, as the speech of a special occasion, that must be so regarded. In this volume the unconstrained colloquial speech of educated and well-bred persons has been taken as the norm, and deviations from it have been characterized as formal or precise or dialectal (provincial, local, or popular), or slovenly.

III

SOUNDS AND THEIR OCCURRENCE

[ɑ]

110. A short vowel [ɑ] is general in America, with local exceptions in New England, in **fop** [fɑp], **got** [gɑt], **hot** [hɑt], **lot** [lɑt], **not** [nɑt], **stock** [stɑk], **chocolate** ['tʃɑklɪt], and many other words written with **o** before a voiceless stop. In sections of New England, as in British pronunciation, such words have a sound which closely approximates [ə], that is, [fəp], [hət], [lət], [nət], [stək], ['tʃəklɪt], etc., and this pronunciation may also be heard, especially in certain words, for example **chocolate**, elsewhere, though exceptionally, in America.

111. In many other words commonly written **o**, usage varies widely throughout America between [ə] and [ɑ], the length of these vowels also varying from short to half-long or long, and even at times to over-long. The quantities are so unstable that it is difficult to indicate them with certainty:

(*a*) Before a voiced stop, both pronunciations occur in **dog** [dɔg] or [dɑg], **log** [lɔg] or [lɑg], **hog** [hɔg] or [hɑg], etc.; in **God** [gɔd] or [gɑd], **sod** [sɔd] or [sɑd], etc. Before [b], however, the preponderance of usage seems to be markedly in favor of [ɑ], as in **rob** [rɑb], **sob** [sɑb], **nobby** ['nɑbɪ], etc. The pronunciation of **daub** [dɔːb] as [dɑb] is popular and dialectal.

(*b*) Before the continuant consonants the same variation occurs:

(1) before [l] or [r]: **doll** [dɔl] or [dɑl], **follow** ['fɔlo] or ['fɑlo], **hollow** ['hɔlo] or ['hɑlo], **pollen** ['pɔlən] or ['pɑlən], etc.

coroner ['kɔrənəɪ] or ['kɑrənəɪ], **forest** ['fɔrɪst] or ['fɑrɪst], **foreign** ['fɔrɪn] or ['fɑrɪn], **forehead** ['fɔrɪd] or ['fɑrɪd], **horrid** ['hɔrɪd] or ['hɑrɪd], **orange** ['ɔrɪndʒ] or ['ɑrɪndʒ], **torrid** ['tɔrɪd] or ['tɑrɪd].

(2) before nasal continuants: **John** [dʒɔn] or [dʒɑn], **on** [ɔn] or [ɑn], **strong** [strɔŋ] or [strɑŋ], **pomp** [pɔmp] or [pɑmp], **romp** [rɔmp] or [rɑmp], etc.

The pronunciations [stɔmp] for **stamp** (*verb*) [stæmp] and [trɔmp] for **tramp** (*verb*) [ṭræmp] are dialectal.

For **bomb** the current pronunciations in America are [bɑm] and [bɔm], and [bʌm] is also heard, though probably less commonly in America than in England. The influence of the spelling favors [bɔm], and for this reason many speakers incline to regard [bʌm] as a popular and dialectal pronunciation. See § 204. The pronunciation [bʊm] is not general.

(3) before other continuants:

coffee ['kɔfɪ] or ['kɑfɪ], **off** [ɔf] or [ɑf], **often** ['ɔfn] or ['ɑfn], **soft** [sɔft] or [sɑft], **cough** [kɔf] or [kɑf].

cost [kɔst] or [kɑst], **docile** ['dɔsɪl] or ['dɑsɪl], **hospital** ['hɔspɪtl] or ['hɑspɪtl], **ostrich** ['ɔstrɪtʃ] or ['ɑstrɪtʃ], **Boswell** ['bɔzwɛl] or ['bɑzwɛl], **rosin** ['rɔzɪn] or ['rɑzɪn].

broth [brɔθ] or [brɑθ], **Gothic** ['gɔθɪk] or ['gɑθɪk], **moth** [mɔθ] or [mɑθ], **bother** ['bɔðəɪ] or ['bɑðəɪ].

grovel ['grɔvəl] or ['grɑvəl], also ['grʌvəl], **novel** ['nɔvəl] or ['nɑvəl]; **hovel** is ['hɑvəl] or ['hʌvəl], never ['hɔvəl]; so

also **hover** ['hʌvəɹ] or ['hʌvəɹ]. For **shovel** the only pronunciation is ['ʃʌvəl], ['ʃʌvl].

(*c*) After [w], the sounds in question occur in words usually written **a**, but with a similar variation in usage, though the preference here seems to be clearly in favor of [ɔ], as in **quarrel** ['kwɔrəl], **swamp** [swɔmp], **swan** [swɔn], **want** [wɔnt], **wash** [wɔʃ], **wasp** [wɔsp], **water** ['wɔtəɹ]. But the preference is by no means consistent, and ['swɑlo], ['wɑbl] seem to be more common for **swallow**, noun and verb, and **wabble**, than ['swɔlo], ['wɔbl]; and in individual usage, many speakers who say **wash** [wɔʃ], **Washington** ['wɔʃɪŋtən] will also pronounce **watch** as [wɑtʃ] and **squab** as [skwɑb]. This inconsistency extends through the whole group of words, and the same speaker who says **God** [gɑd] will say **dog** [dɔg], and so with many other words. In such a state of affairs, all that can be said with respect to these usages is that they vary according to habit or preference. One caution may be entered, however, against making the vowel [ɔ] too long, as in the pronunciations commonly indicated in dialect stories by the spellings *dawg* and *Gawd*, that is, [dɔːg], [gɔːd].

On the dialectal pronunciation of [ɔɪ] as [ɑ] or [ɑɪ], see § 187.

112. The colloquial contraction **aren't** ['ɑrənt], or with omission of the **r** [ɑɪnt], often becomes [eɪnt], [eɪnt], but only in very familiar colloquial or dialect pronunciation. The pronunciation [eɪnt], [eɪnt] is also extended to the singular in dialect speech. In the first person singular, interrogative, one occasionally hears ['ɑrənt aɪ], or sometimes [ænt aɪ] from cultivated speakers, who use this form to avoid the somewhat awkward "am not I," but the usage is not general.

113. The pronunciation of **was** is [wɑz] or [wɔz], or in rapid speech and when the word is lightly stressed, [wəz]. The pronunciation [wʌz] when the word is stressed is scarcely cultivated usage.

For [ɑ] in the diphthong [ɑʊ], see § 222.

[ɑː]

114. This sound occurs in **father** ['fɑːðəɹ], where it is practically universal in American speech, the pronunciations ['fæːðəɹ] and ['fɔːðəɹ] being only occasional and dialectal. But in no other word of the same type does this uniformity in usage obtain. In **rather** standard usage varies between ['rɑːðəɹ], ['raːðəɹ] and ['ræðəɹ], with the preponderance in favor of ['ræðəɹ]. ['rʌðəɹ] is illiterate and dialectal. In other words, like **gather, lather, slather, blather**(**skite**), **Mather,** the vowel is prevailingly [æ], or [æ·], with local exceptions in New England in favor of [ɑː], see § 125. [ɑ·] or [ɑ] occurs also in **bother,** which forms a fairly satisfactory ear-rime with **father,** though it offends the eye. Beside ['bɑ·ðəɹ], or ['bɑðəɹ], much less commonly ['bɔðəɹ] also occurs, see § 111, (3).

115. [ɑː] occurs regularly in words where **a** is written before **lm,** the **l** being silent, in **psalm** [sɑːm], **palm** [pɑːm], **balm** [bɑːm], **calm** [kɑːm], **alms** [ɑːmz], see §§ 274–276. In **salmon, almond** both ['sæmən], ['æmənd] and ['sɑːmən], ['ɑːmənd] occur. A spelling-pronunciation, with the **l** sounded, is sometimes heard in these two words, but is not general. Before **f, s, th, nce, nch, nt, lf, lv,** [ɑː] occurs locally in some regions of the East, but generally the sound varies between [aː], [æ], [æ·], and in some words [ɔː], see §§ 124, 128. For **au** pronounced [ɑː], see § 186.

116. Before [ɹ] final or preceding a consonant, **a**, often also **ea**, of the conventional spelling, is [aːɹ], as **hart**, **heart** [haːɹt], **star** [staːɹ], **marred** [maːɹd], **Clark(e)** [klaːɹk], etc., **hearth** [haːɹθ], **large** [laːɹdʒ].

117. In British English certain words spelled **e** before **r** and a consonant are pronounced [aːɹ], with the **r** silent, as in **clerk** [klaːk], **Hertford** ['haːtfəd], **Derby** ['daːbɪ], but in America words which are so written are pronounced with [ə], and when they are pronounced with [aːɹ], as in the proper name **Clark(e)**, they are written with **a**. An exception in American speech is **sergeant**, which is commonly pronounced ['saːɹdʒənt], like the proper name **Sargent**.

118. The standard pronunciation of **hearth** is [haːɹθ], but [həɹθ] is also heard as an old-fashioned or dialectal pronunciation.

119. Those speakers who have no [ɹ] before consonants and finally, have [aːɪ] in words like **hard** [haɪd], **part** [paɪt], **harp** [haɪp], **hearth** [haɪθ], **marred** [maɪd], **tar** [taɪ], **car** [kaɪ]. But some speakers in New England have a vowel in these words which closely approximates [aːɪ], and even at times [æɪ], e.g., **Harvard** ['haɪvəd], **part** [paɪt], etc., see § 45, note, where this sound is indicated by the spelling **Havvad**.

For the pronunciations **tar** [taɪə], **car** [kaɪə], etc., see § 301.

120. [aːɪ], sometimes shortened to [a], occurs in some words of foreign origin, as in **lava** ['laːɪvə], **data** ['daːɪtə], **errata** [ɛ'raːɪtə], **bas-relief** ['baːɪrɪ'liːf], **spa** [spaɪ], **mirage** [mɪ'raːɪʒ], **garage** [gə'raːɪʒ], popularly often ['gærɪdʒ],

though some of these also have Anglicized pronunciations with [æ], e.g., ['lævə], ['dætə], etc. The word **vase** is either [vɑːz] or [veːs], [veːz], the last being much the most general pronunciation. The pronunciation of **tomato** is commonly [tə'me·to], but [tə'mɑːto] is also in fairly general use, especially as a consciously cultivated pronunciation. The form [tə'mæto] is relatively rare. In **piano**, the form [pɪ'æno] is general, [pɪ'ɑːmo] exceptional. For **drama** three pronunciations are current, ['drɑːmə], ['dræmə] and ['dreːmə], though the first is the only one widely used. For **suave** the usual American pronunciation is [swɑɪv], but in England [sweɪv].

121. In American place names, like **Alabama**, **Colorado**, **Nevada**, **Nebraska**, **Montana**, a pronunciation with [ɑː] in the stressed syllable is sometimes heard, especially in the East, but in the states themselves and in America generally, the words are pronounced [ælə'bæmə], [kalə-'rædə], [nə'vædə], [nə'bræskə], [mən'tænə].

122. Where cultivated speech regularly has [ɔː], as in **caught** [kɔːt], **bought** [bɔːt], **haughty** ['hɔːtɪ], **naughty** ['nɔːtɪ], etc., a dialect pronunciation [kɑːt], [bɑːt], ['hɑːtɪ], ['nɑːtɪ], etc., prevails in some regions.

123. In several regions of the Atlantic seaboard a glide vowel is introduced between a preceding [k], [g] and [ɑː], as in the Virginia pronunciation of **carter** [kɪ'ɑːtə], **garden** [gɪ'ɑːdən], but this pronunciation is distinctly local or dialectal. See § 217.

[aɪ]

124. This sound occurs as a simple vowel normally only as a long or half-long vowel, though the short of it

appears as the first element in the diphthong [aɪ], see § 209. It is heard in certain positions, chiefly in somewhat conscious and academic speech, as a compromise sound between [ɑːɪ], which is rejected as being too 'broad,' and [æ] or [æ·], a popular sound widely distributed over the whole country, which is rejected as being too 'narrow' or 'flat.' It is cultivated in words written **a**, sometimes **au**, before a voiceless continuant, or before a nasal followed by a voiceless stop or continuant, as in **grass, half, laugh, path** (also before a voiced continuant, as in **paths, calves, halves, baths**, when the voiced form is a variant, usually the plural, of a head form with a voiceless sound), **aunt, branch, can't, dance, fancy, France, shan't**, etc.

125. Before a voiced continuant and before a nasal followed by a voiced stop or continuant, **a** is usually pronounced [æ], as in **flange** [flændʒ], **grand** [grænd], **has** [hæz], **have** [hæv], **lather** ['læðəɹ], **rather** ['ræðəɹ], **pansy** ['pænzɪ], though speakers who acquire the pronunciation [a] consciously and attempt to carry it through consistently sometimes indulge in pronunciations like ['panzɪ], [haz], etc.

126. Some exceptions to the above groupings may be noted: **cant** (*noun*) is always [kænt], and **pant, pantry, panther** are scarcely ever heard except as [pænt], ['pæntrɪ], ['pænθəɹ]. Some speakers who pronounce **aunt** as [aɪnt], say [ænt] for **ant**. The word **gas** is almost universally [gæs], and **hath** (perhaps because of **have** and **has**, with voiced consonants) is always [hæθ]. Before [ʃ] **a** is never [aɪ], but [æ], as in **dash** [dæʃ], **fashion** ['fæʃən], **rational** ['ræʃənəl], etc.

127. When it comes to a question of choice among the several possible pronunciations of **dance, laugh, branch,**

etc., the decision usually rests between [aːɪ] and [æ], [ɑːɪ] being ruled out as too 'broad' and as somewhat 'la-di-da.' And when it comes to a question of choice between these two the purist tendency has been to condemn the pronunciation [æ], although this is by far the more common sound in all the words in point in American speech. The result has been to give to [aːɪ] extraordinary dictionary and academic prestige in the face of a strongly opposing popular usage. The reasons for this are several: first, that standard British speech and some forms of New England speech have [ɑːɪ] in the words in question; second, that New England has exerted, and to some extent continues to exert, a strong influence upon formal instruction and upon notions of cultivation and refinement throughout the country; and third, that the pronunciation [æ] is often prolonged, or drawled, and nasalized in a way that makes it seem not merely American, but provincially American. To steer between the Scylla of provincialism, [æːɪ], and the Charybdis of affectation and snobbishness, [ɑːɪ], many conscientious speakers in America cultivate [aːɪ]. The writer has tested this sound on many different groups of speakers from various sections of the country, and has never found one who used the sound who did not do so with a certain degree of self-consciousness. If the cult of this sound continues long enough, it may in time come to be a natural and established sound in the language. In the meantime, it seems a pity that so much effort and so much time in instruction should be given to changing a natural habit of speech which is inherently just as good as the one by which the purist would supplant it. Especially in public school instruction it would seem to be wiser to spend time on more important matters in speech than the difference between [hæf] and [haːɪf].

[æ], [æː]

128. This is the sound, usually a short vowel, universally current in **hat** [hæt], **cab** [kæb], **bad** [bæd], **patter** ['pætəɹ], **grand** [grænd], **fashion** ['fæʃən], and a large number of other words. It is also the natural pronunciation of the majority of American speakers in words written **a** before a voiced or voiceless continuant and before **n** followed by a voiced or voiceless continuant or stop, as in **glass** [glæs], **bath** [bæθ], **dance** [dænts] or [dæns], **can't** [kænt], **branch** [brænʧ], etc. The vowel tends to become long in words of this type, and locally and dialectally to become over-long, see §§ 82, 127. It is especially likely to be long before a voiced sound, for example, **path** [pæθ], but **paths** [pæːðz].

129. Before **r, rr** followed by a vowel, orthographic **a** is usually [æ], as in **carry** ['kærɪ], **carriage** ['kærɪdʒ], **Clara** ['klærə], **caret** ['kærɪt], **claret** ['klærɪt], **parent** ['pærənt], **Paris** ['pærɪs], **parish** ['pærɪʃ], **marry** ['mærɪ], **tarry** (*verb*) ['tærɪ]. As an adjective **tarry** ['tɑːɪɹɪ] retains the vowel of the simple word **tar** [tɑːɹ]. Some speakers, however, pronounce [ɛ] for **a** before **r** and a vowel, not distinguishing **parish** and **perish, marry** and **merry**. The pronunciation with [æ] is to be preferred. A special grouping must be made for words like **chary, fairy, Mary, vary, wary,** for which see §§ 133, 141.

130. For **radish** ['rædɪʃ], the popular dialects often have [['rɛdɪʃ]. The pronunciation of **plait,** 'to braid,' is [plæt], but the common form of the word in the sense 'to fold,' 'to make folds,' is **pleat** [pliːt]. Etymologically the words have the same origin and are sometimes confused. For **apricot** both ['æprɪˌkɑt] and ['eɪprɪˌkɑt] are

in general use. The final syllable may be light, [-kət]. For **bade**, past tense of **bid**, the standard pronunciation is [bæd], as in **I bade him goodbye** [aɪ ˈbæd hɪm ˈgʊdˈbaɪ], though a spelling-pronunciation [beɪd] or [beɪd] is occasionally heard, especially when the word occurs in phrases which have passed out of colloquial use. For **banal** the common pronunciation is [bæˈnæl] or [ˈbænəl], less frequently [ˈbeɪnəl]. Two pronunciations are current for **halibut**, [ˈhæləbət] or [ˈhɑləbət]. For **raillery** both [ˈreɪlərɪ] and [ˈræləɹɪ] are heard, with academic authority in favor of the former; but so far as the word is popular at all, common usage favors the second. Two forms, [ˈreɪʃənz] and [ˈræʃənz], for **rations** are in use, the second being the more general. For **asphalt** the common British pronunciation is [æsˈfælt] or [ˈæsˈfælt], but in America nearly always the word is [ˈæsˈfɔlt]. The proper name **Spokane** is locally [spoˈkæn], and [spoˈkeɪn] is heard from speakers who know the word only as an eye-word.

[e], [e·], [eɪ]

131. The sound represented by [e] can best be observed in words like **chaotic** [keˈɑtɪk], **archa-ic** [ɑɹˈke-ɪk], or in polysyllables like **vacation** [veˈke·ʃən] where the first vowel is short, the second half-long, **Baconian** [beˈko·njən], **fatally** [ˈfe·təlɪ], **bakery** [ˈbe·kərɪ], **bay-berry** [ˈbe·ˈbɛrɪ], **pay-roll** [ˈpe·ˈro·l], etc. In some of these words the quantity varies from short to half-long according to the degree of stress. High vowels like [e] and [i] are less likely to be obviously prolonged than mid or low vowels, and one is consequently often in doubt whether to take them as long or short.

132. In monosyllables with a full stress, the vowel lengthens and frequently becomes diphthongal. This is

especially apparent when the vowel is final, as in **day** [deɪ], **they** [ðeɪ], **whey** [ʍeɪ], etc., and before voiced consonants, as in **fade** [feɪd], **grave** [greɪv], **haze** [heɪz], etc., see § 207. Before voiceless consonants, however, even in stressed monosyllables, the diphthongal quality is very slight, and often not audibly present at all. Compare, for example, **rate** with **raid** (the spelling of **raid** is not significant), or **face** with **phase**, or **waif** with **wave**, **waive**. If the vowel is diphthongized at all, it is more likely to be diphthongal in **raid**, **phase**, **wave**, **waive**, than in **rate**, **face**, **waif**. But with many speakers the diphthongal quality, if present at all, is so slight as not to be appreciated by the ear. For such speakers the sound is to be recorded simply as [eː]. No questions of propriety in usage are raised by the variation between [eː] and [eɪ], the difference being so slight that it does not attract attention to itself.

133. A clear [e]-vowel rarely occurs before [r], but is sometimes heard in formal speech in **vary** (to distinguish the word from **very**), **Mary** (as distinguished from **merry**), **chary** (as distinguished from **cherry**), **parent**, **vagary** [və'ge·rɪ], **wary**, etc., where the spelling exerts an influence on the pronunciation, see § 129.

134. For **patent** both ['peɪtənt] and ['pætənt] occur, the former when the word has the sense 'obvious,' 'apparent.' But **latent** is always ['leːtənt]. For **quoit** the common popular pronunciation is [kweɪt], but the cultivated and dictionary pronunciation is [kwɔɪt] or [kɔɪt]. The common standard pronunciation for **patriot**, **patriotism**, **patriotic**, in America is ['pe·trɪət], ['pe·trɪə'tɪzm], [pe·trɪ'ɑtɪk], but [pætr–] is also heard, more frequently in **patriotism**, **patriotic**, than in **patriot**. For **Danish** the standard pronunciation is ['deɪnɪʃ], the long vowel being

maintained by the analogy of **Dane**. In popular speech, however, the vowel is often shortened, as in ['dænɪʃ], and as it is in both popular and cultivated speech in **Spanish** ['spænɪʃ] as compared with **Spain** [speɪn]. Cf. **Polish** and **polish**, § 179. For **glacier** American speech has ['gleɪʃɪəɹ], ['gleɪʃəɹ], but ['glæsjə] only as a Briticism. A pronunciation ['gleɪsɪəɹ] may be heard occasionally in formal speech. The pronunciation of **aye**, 'ever', is [eɪ], [eɪ], as distinguished from **ay**, 'yes', which is [aɪ]. The plural of **ay** is spelled **ayes** but pronounced [aɪz]. For **again**, **against**, the usual pronunciations are [ə'gɛn], [ə'gɛnst], though [ə'geɪn], [ə'geɪnst] are occasionally heard, probably because of the spelling. For **always** the standard pronunciation is ['ɔl͡weɪz] or ['ɔl͡we·z], but in popular speech the word often becomes ['ɔlwəz], ['ɔlwɪz], and sometimes ['ɔləz]. For **Isaiah** both [aɪ'zeɪə] and [ɪ'zaɪə] are in current use, the former being the more general.

[ɛ]

135. This is the common sound of English **e** in **get** [gɛt], **ten** [tɛn], **bend** [bɛnd], **lense** [lɛnz], **tread** [trɛd], **breath** [brɛθ], **meadow** ['mɛdo], **educate** ['ɛdʒu͡ke·t], and hosts of other words. The current pronunciation of **again**, **against**, [ə'gɛn], [ə'gɛnst], is occasionally changed under the influence of spelling to [ə'ge·n], [ə'ge·nst] or [ə'geɪn], [ə'geɪnst]. Before [r] followed by a vowel, **e** is commonly [ɛ], as in **very** ['vɛrɪ], **perish** ['pɛrɪʃ], **terrible** ['tɛrɪbl], **ferry** ['fɛrɪ], **merit** ['mɛrɪt]. For [ɛ] in words of this type pronounced [ʌ], see § 201. For **hero**, **zero**, **Nero**, etc., see § 168.

136. In a few learned words, like **serum**, **Ceres**, **series**, **e** before **r** is [i] or [ɪ], likewise **cereal**, **serial** ['sɪrɪəl], **serious** ['sɪrɪəs], **period** ['pɪrɪəd]. The spelling of **bury** ['bɛrɪ] is

exceptional. As the name of a town in England, **Bury** is pronounced ['bjʊərɪ]. A variant form **yelk** [jɛlk] exists by the side of **yolk** [joɪk].

137. The preterite of the verb **eat** is always spelled **ate** and almost universally pronounced [eɪt] in America, but occasionally [ɛt], this being a generally current British pronunciation, see *New English Dictionary*, and Michaelis-Jones, *Phonetic Dictionary*, under this word. Most Americans regard [ɛt] as dialectal. The proper name, as well as the common noun, **Jenny, jenny**, is always ['dʒɛnɪ] in cultivated American speech, but ['dʒɪmɪ] for **Jenny** is good British usage. So also ['kɪmɪst] for **chemist** and derivatives is good British usage, but in America the word is always ['kɛmɪst].

138. In **epoch** the stressed vowel is usually short, giving ['ɛpək], but sometimes in very formal pronunciation the word becomes ['iːpɑk]. For **tenet, tenable** the usual pronunciation is ['tɛnɪt], ['tɛnəbl], occasionally ['tiːnɪt], ['tiːnəbl]. For **deaf** the standard pronunciation is [dɛf], but [diːf], which is an older historical survival, is often heard in the popular dialects. In Webster's day, [diːf] was the general pronunciation, see *Dissertations*, p. 128. As an adjective **cleanly** is pronounced ['klɛnlɪ], as an adverb, ['kliːnlɪ]. In **pretty, England, English**, the standard pronunciation is ['prɪtɪ], ['ɪŋgləndˌ], ['ɪŋglɪʃ], the occasional pronunciation with [ɛ] being artificial and due to the spelling.

139. For **get** [gɛt] and derivatives popular English frequently has [gɪt]; so also [tʃɪst] for **chest** [tʃɛst], [jɪt] for **yet** [jɛt], [ɪn'stɪd] for **instead** [ɪn'stɛd], and similarly with other words.

Before [g], in the popular dialects, [eɪ] is often heard for standard [ɛ], as in the pronunciations [eɪg], [beɪg], [leɪg], ['nʌt'meɪg] for standard **egg** [ɛg], **beg** [bɛg], **leg** [lɛg], **nutmeg** ['nʌt'mɛg], etc.

For **keg** [kɛg] a frequent dialect form is [kæg]. So also **yes** [jɛs] is very often [jæs] in popular pronunciation.

[ɛɪ]

140. This symbol represents the long vowel commonly heard before **r** in such words as **there** [ðɛɪɹ], **where** [ʍɛɪɹ], **dare** [dɛɪɹ], **fair** [fɛɪɹ], **hare, hair** [hɛɪɹ], **pare, pair, pear** [pɛɪɹ], **lair** [lɛɪɹ]. These words may also be heard with a glide vowel before [ɹ], [ðɛɪəɹ], [ʍɛɪəɹ], [dɛɪəɹ], etc., or with loss of the final consonant, [ðɛɪə], [ʍɛɪə], [dɛɪə], etc.

On the organic difference between [ɛ] and [ɛɪ], see above, §§ 54, 55.

141. The pronunciation of **chary, fairy, hairy, Mary, vary, wary** is ['tʃɛɪrɪ], ['fɛɪrɪ], [hɛɪrɪ], ['mɛɪrɪ], ['vɛɪrɪ], ['wɛɪrɪ], which distinguishes **chary** from **cherry, fairy** from **ferry, hairy** from **Harry** [hærɪ], **Mary** from **merry, marry, vary** from **very, wary** from **wherry.** On words of this type pronounced with [e], see § 133.

142. There is considerable variation among cultivated speakers in the quality of the vowel in words of the type of **there, where,** etc., degrees being present all the way from [ɛɪ] to [æɪ], or when the vowel is short as in **berry, very,** etc., from [ɛ] to [æ]. But pronunciations like **there** [ðæɹ], **hair** [hæɹ], **stair** [stæɹ], or **very** ['væɹɪ], **terrible** ['tæɹɪbl] are scarcely to be recommended for imitation.

143. The slight glide vowel inserted before the [ɹ] in **fair** [fɛɪəɹ], **hair** [hɛɪəɹ], **there** [ðɛɪəɹ], etc., when the [ɹ]

is not pronounced is often prolonged and even becomes [ɑ], e.g., **fair** ['fɛɪə] or ['fɛɪɑ], **hair** ['hɛɪə] or [h'ɛɪɑ], **there** ['ðɛɪə] or ['ðɛɪɑ]. The vowel [ɑ] in such pronunciations often receives a fairly heavy stress. These latter usages are nowhere general in America, though sometimes cultivated in imitation of what is taken to be Eastern American or British usage.

144. In words compounded with **aero–**, as in **aeroplane, aeronaut, aerostat**, etc., the standard formal pronunciation of the first syllable is ['eɪərə–] or ['ɛɪərə–]. But ['ɛɪrə–] is quite generally used. The final vowel of the syllable may also be heard as [o] in careful speech. The pronunciation ['ɛrɪə–] is popular and dialectal.

145. In **were** the common pronunciation is [wəɹ] or [wʌɪ], though the pronunciation [wɛɪɹ], also [wæɪɹ], is sometimes cultivated in precise speech.

[ə]

146. The vowel [ə] is a sound of wide occurrence in unstressed position, and is the sound which vowels in general tend to become when, as in rapid speech, they are somewhat obscured. It occurs in all positions in the word, initially, medially and finally, e.g., **about** [ə'baʊt], **finally** ['faɪnəlɪ], **zebra** ['zibrə], **Cuba** [kjʊbə], **sofa** ['sofə], **a man** [ə'mæn], **Iceland** ['aisləndˌ], etc. Certain words in which standard speech retains a relatively clear vowel in final unstressed syllables, occur with this obscure vowel in dialect speech, e.g., dialect **yellow** ['jɛlə], **potato** [pə'teɪtə], **tomato** [tə'meɪtə], **piano** [pɪ'ænə], **window** ['wɪndə], **fellow** ['fɛlə], **thorough** ['θʌrə], **always** ['ɔlwəz].

147. In careless and rapid speech some speakers have a tendency to omit [ə] where cultivated speech retains it.

This is especially noticeable when [ə] is preceded by a vowel or [r], as in **poem**, in popular pronunciation [poːm], in standard speech ['poːɛm], or ['poːəm] or ['poːɪm], see § 173; **moral**, popularly ['mɔɹl], in standard speech ['mɔrəl]; **towel**, popularly [tɑʊl], in standard speech ['tɑʊəl]; **quarrel**, popularly ['kwɔɹl], in standard speech ['kwɔrəl]; **diary**, popularly ['daɪrɪ], in standard speech ['daɪərɪ]; **diamond**, popularly ['daɪmənd], in standard speech ['daɪəmənd]; **real**, **really**, popularly [riːl], ['riːlɪ], in standard speech ['riːəl], ['riːəlɪ], sometimes also ['rɪəl], ['rɪəlɪ]; **cruel**, popularly [kruːl], in standard speech ['kruɪəl]; **violet**, popularly ['vaɪlət], ['vɑɪlət], in standard speech ['vaɪəlɪt], very formally ['vaɪolɛt].

The pronunciation of **deal**, **seal**, **peal**, etc., as [diːl], [siːl], [piːl] is standard, the spelling **ea** in these words being a representation of what is historically a simple vowel, whereas in **real** the spelling **ea**, which looks the same, is of entirely different origin. It is derived from an originally dissyllabic word, with the syllabic break between the two vowels, and standard speech continues to maintain the word as a dissyllable.

148. The final unstressed syllable of words ending in **a** is pronounced [ə] in standard speech, but frequently [ɪ] in popular speech, as in **opera** ['ɑpərə], **era** ['iɪrə] or ['ɪrə], **extra** ['ɛkstrə], **America** [ə'mɛrɪkə], **Noah** ['noɪə], **Martha** ['mɑɪɹθə], etc., pronounced ['ɑprɪ], ['ɪrɪ], ['ɛkstrɪ], [ə'mɛrɪkɪ], ['noɪɪ], ['mɑɪɹθɪ], etc. For **Iowa** the common pronunciation is ['aɪəwə], dialectally sometimes ['aɪəwɪ].

149. For **cupola** ['kjupələ], popular pronunciation frequently has a transposition of the unstressed vowels, giving ['kjupə'lo]. In **cocoa** ['koːko] the final vowel is silent; the word is a metathesized form of **cacao**, but this

original form of the word is now used only in scientific writing. When compounded with **-nut**, the word is frequently spelled **coco-**, as in **coco-nut** ['koːko-ˈnʌt]. The word **curaçao** ['kjurəˈsaːo], derived from the name of a Dutch island in the Carribean, is commonly metathesized into **curaçoa** ['kjurəˈsoːə] or ['kjurəˈsoʊ].

150. As an inflectional ending, **e** in the ending **–es** is always silent when the **s** is voiceless, as in **rites, writes** (third singular of the verb) [raɪts], **likes** [laɪks], **rates** [reːts], etc., and it is silent also when the **s** is voiced, except when the syllable **–es** is preceded by [s], [z], [ʃ] or [ʒ], in which case **e** [ə] is pronounced, as in **pieces** [piːsəz], **prizes** [praɪzəz], **wishes** ['wɪʃəz], **stages** [steːdʒəz].

151. Between [l] and a succeeding [m] a vowel [ə] is sometimes present in popular speech which does not appear in standard speech, as in **elm** [ɛlm], **film** [fɪlm], **realm** [rɛlm], etc., pronounced ['ɛləm], ['fɪləm], ['rɛləm], etc. So also ['æθəˈlit], [æθəˈlɛtɪk] for **athlete** ['æθˈlit], **athletic** [æθˈlɛtɪk].

152. Before [l] or [ɹ], and after a vowel, a slight glide [ə], [ə] is sometimes present, as in such pronunciations as **stole** ['stoːəl], **four** [fəːəɹ], **milk** [mɪəlk], **dart** [dɑːəɹt], etc., but this sound is so slight in standard pronunciation that it does not seem necessary to represent it phonetically, see §§ 160, 167. It is often exaggerated in the speech of young children, who prolong also the preceding vowel.

153. Before [r], intervocalic, a very distinct [ə] is present in British speech, especially noticeable to American ears when the vowel preceding [r] is [ɪ], [ɛ] or [aɪ], as in **period** ['pɪərɪəd], **peeress** ['pɪərɪs], **parent** ['pɛərənt], **miry** ['maɪərɪ], **Byron** ['baɪərən]; but this [ə] is scarcely ever

heard in America, the words cited being pronounced ['pɪrɪəd], ['pɪrɪs] or ['pɪrɛs], ['pærənt] or ['pɛrənt], ['maɪrɪ], ['baɪrən]. In the adjective form of **fire** [faɪəɹ], which is spelled **fiery**, a pronunciation ['faɪərɪ] may be heard, but also ['faɪrɪ]. But **wiry** from **wire** ['waɪəɹ] is always ['waɪrɪ].

[ə]

154. This symbol stands for the short inverted vowel sound, which is to be clearly distinguished from [ə]. The sound appears in stressed and unstressed syllables, and is represented in conventional spelling by various vowel letters before **r** final or followed by a consonant, as in **bird** [bəɹd], **burr** [bəɹ], **sir** [səɹ], **fir**, **fur** [fəɹ], **heard** [həɹd], **person** ['pəɹsən], **serpent** ['səɹpənt], **worthy** ['wəɹðɪ], **myrtle** ['məɹtl], etc. The vowel is normally short, but may be prolonged in exceptional instances, as in the somewhat exotic word **myrrh** [məɹ] or [məːɹ]. For **iron**, **tired**, **hired**, etc., see § 304.

155. When [ɹ] is not pronounced before the consonant in **bird**, **heard**, **person**, etc., the vowel is usually [ʌɪ]. When final [ɹ] is not pronounced, it often leaves a weak [ə] as its survival, **burr** [bʌɪə], **fir**, **fur** [fʌɪə], etc. Final **r** in unstressed syllables when not pronounced is preceded by [ə], as in **never** ['nɛvə], **feather** ['fɛðə], etc. In affected speech this vowel sometimes becomes [ɑ], see § 143.

156. For **girl** the current pronunciation is [gəɹl] or [gʌɪl], but [gɛɪɹl], [gæɹl], [gɪɹl] are sometimes heard and are often cultivated as refined pronunciations.

157. For **courteous**, **courtezan** the usual pronunciation is ['kəɹtɪəs], ['kəɹtəzən], but for **courtier**, ['kɔɹtɪəɹ], ['kɔɹtʃəɹ] are more general.

158. For [ə] of the standard speech in words containing [ɹ] followed by a consonant, in New York and its vicinity a diphthong is heard, commonly represented in dialect stories by the spelling **oi**, e.g., *thoid*, 'third,' *foist*, 'first,' *boid*, 'bird.' The phonetic elements of this diphthong are usually [ə] followed by [ɪ]. This pronunciation has not made its way into cultivated usage.[1]

159. For **very, terrible, syrup**, etc., pronounced ['vəɹɪ], ['təɹɪbl], ['səɹəp], etc., see § 201. The pronunciation of [ə] for [ə] before [r] followed by a vowel in unstressed syllables is to be avoided, e.g., **history** ['hɪstərɪ] pronounced ['hɪstərɪ].

160. Between [aɪ], [aʊ] and a succeeding final [ɹ], a vowel [ə] is regularly present in accented words, **hire** and **higher** ['haɪəɹ] being homonyms; so also **flour, flower** ['flaʊəɹ] are homonymous. Not infrequently a slovenly kind of pronunciation is heard in which this [ə] is omitted and the preceding diphthong is reduced to [aːɹ], **flower, flour** being pronounced [flaːɹ], **fire** pronounced [faːɹ], as though it were the same as **far, our, hour** pronounced [aːɹ]. The word **our** in unstressed position in colloquial speech is very commonly [aːɹ], so commonly that perhaps one cannot characterize it as slovenly. But its phonetic form is due entirely to the fact that it is slightly stressed. In stressed position the diphthong [aʊ] is never [aːɹ] in standard speech.

[i], [i·], [iːɹ]

161. The vowel [i] is heard only in polysyllables, like **expediency** [ɛks'pidɪənsɪ], where the stress on the accented syllable is comparatively light, or in unstressed syllables,

[1] See Babbitt, *Dialect Notes*, I, 463.

as in **eternal** [i'tɜɹnəl], **economy** [i'kɑnəmi], **œsophagus** [i'sɑfəgəs]. The half-long vowel may be recognized in compounds, like **tea-table** ['ti·'te·bl], and the long vowel in words containing full stress, as in **tea** [tiː], **he** [hiː], **key, quay** [kiː], **deed** [diːd], **bean** [biːn], **priest** [priːst], **convene** [kən'vɪːn], **eagle** ['iːgl], **Egypt** ['iːdʒɪpt].

162. For **sleek, creek, clique** the standard pronunciations are [sliːk], [kriːk], [kliːk], though [slɪk], [krɪk], [klɪk] are widely current in familiar colloquial use, and [slɪk], in the sense 'cunning,' 'sly,' may be said to have passed into general use. The pronunciation [fə'tɪg] for **fatigue** [fə'tiːg] is not cultivated usage. For **amenable** the standard pronunciation is [ə'miːnəbl], but for **amenity** almost always [ə'mɛnɪtɪ], though sometimes [ə'miːnɪtɪ].

163. In words of Greek origin commonly spelled **æ**, as in **Æschylus, Æsculapius, æsthetic, anapæst,** the usual pronunciation in America is ['ɛskɪləs], [ɛskju'leːpɪəs], [ɛs'θɛtɪk], ['ænəpɛst], but [iːs–] in England and not infrequently also in America. **Æsop** is always ['iː'sɑp], and the spelling **œ** is usually [i] or [iː], as in **œsophagus** [i'sɑfəgəs], **Œnone** [i'noːnɪ], **œcumenical** [ikju'mɛnɪkl], **Œdipus** ['iːdɪpəs], though pronunciations with [ɛ], as in ['ɛdɪpəs], [ɛkju'mɛnɪkl], are also heard.

164. For **Elizabethan** both [əlɪzə'biːθən] and [əlɪzə-'bɛθən] occur. For **scenic** the common pronunciation is ['sɛnɪk], though ['siːnɪk], which is the more usual British pronunciation, and is of course supported by the analogy of **scene** [siːn], is sometimes heard. For **fetid, fetish** both ['fiːtɪd], ['fiːtɪʃ] and ['fɛtɪd], ['fɛtɪʃ] are current, and for **leisure** both ['liːʒəɹ] and ['lɛʒəɹ]. For **either, neither** the general pronunciation is ['iːðəɹ], ['niːðəɹ], but oc-

casionally ['aɪðəɹ], ['naɪðəɹ] are heard, often as a conscious refined pronunciation. It is popular and general nowhere in America. For **inveigle** the usual pronunciation is [ɪn'viːgl], but sometimes also [ɪn'veːgl]. For **penal** the pronunciation is ['piːnəl], for **penalize** either ['piːnəlaɪz] or ['pɛnəlaɪz], for **penalty** always ['pɛnəltɪ].

165. Words containing the prefix **pre–** as a stressed syllable usually have the pronunciation [pri–] when the syllable is logically important, as in clear compounds like **prehistoric** ['prihɪs'tɔrɪk], **predigested** ['pridaɪ'dʒɛstɪd], **prefix** ['prifɪks], **prepay** ['pri'peɪ], also in a few somewhat learned words, the etymological origins of which are still felt, as in **precinct** ['pri'sɪŋkt], **prefect** ['pri'fɛkt], **prelude** ['pri'luːd], also sometimes ['prɛl'uːd]. Otherwise the syllable is usually pronounced [prɛ–], though custom is not completely uniform, some words like **predecessor, predilection, premature, presentation** being pronounced either [prɛ–] or [pri–]. The pronunciation with [prɛ–] is the more common, and in some words, e.g., **predicate, preference, prejudice, preparation, preposition, preterite,** it is the only one in good use.

166. In the ending **–itis,** as in **appendicitis, neuritis, phlebitis, meningitis,** etc., both [–ɪɪtəs] and [–aɪtəs] occur; also **angina** [æn'dʒiːnə], [æn'dʒaɪnə], better ['ændʒɪnə], **Argentine** ['ɑɹdʒən'tiːn] or ['ɑɹdʒən'taɪn], **adamantine** [ædə'mæn'tiːn] or [ædə'mæn'taɪn]. For **oblique** the more usual pronunciation is [o'bliːk], but also, less frequently, [o'blaɪk].

167. Before [r], [ɹ], [i] is commonly lowered to [ɪ] and a glide vowel sometimes inserted between [ɪ] and [r], [ɹ], as in **cereal, serial** ['sɪəɹɪəl], **hear** [hɪəɹ], **hearing** ['hɪəɹɪŋ],

pier, peer [pɪəɹ], **tier, tear** [tɪəɹ]; but some speakers tend to preserve a clear [i]-sound in a few words, usually of learned character, as in **eery** ['iərɪ], **era** ['iərə], **query** ['kwiərɪ], **series** ['siərɪz] or ['siəriz]. So also **dreary, weary** are sometimes pronounced ['driərɪ], ['wiərɪ]. This glide vowel before [r], [ɹ] is often not present at all in American speech, and is in general much less marked as a characteristic of American than of British speech.

168. In **hero, Nero, zero** a clear [i]-vowel is generally maintained, giving ['hiːro], ['niːro], ['ziːro], but many speakers lower the vowel to [ɪ], as in ['hɪ̈ro], ['nɪ̈ro], ['zɪ̈ro].

[ɪ]

169. This is the short sound commonly current in **sit** [sɪt], **mission** ['mɪʃən], **timid** ['tɪmɪd], **ink** [ɪŋk], **rich** [rɪtʃ], etc. In stressed syllables it is generally written **i**, though also **y** in **lyric** ['lɪrɪk], **syllable** ['sɪləbl], **synagogue** ['sɪnəgɔg], and some others.

170. For **i, y** followed by **r** and a vowel, the standard pronunciation is [ɪ], as in **dirigible** ['dɪrɪdʒɪbl], **miracle** ['mɪrəkl], **mirror** ['mɪrəɹ], **sirup, syrup** ['sɪrəp], **syringe** ['sɪrɪndʒ], also [sɪ'rɪndʒ], **tyranny** ['tɪrənɪ], **virile** ['vɪrɪl], also ['vaɪrɪl], exceptions to this rule being cases in which **i, y** is pronounced [aɪ], as in **gyrate, pirate, siren, tirade, tyrant, virile, virus.** On **i, y** followed by **r** and a vowel pronounced [ʌ], [ə] in popular speech, see § 201.

171. For **been** the normal pronunciation is [bɪn], though [biːn] is sometimes heard as a precise or consciously cultivated pronunciation. For **breeches, breeching** the usual pronunciation is ['brɪtʃəz], ['brɪtʃɪŋ], but a spelling-

pronunciation ['briːtʃəz], ['briːtʃɪŋ] is sometimes cultivated. In **busy** ['bɪzɪ], **business** ['bɪznɪs], the spelling **u** is exceptional for [ɪ].

172. There is a distinctly audible difference between stressed and unstressed [ɪ], as, for example, in the two syllables of **pity**, **city**, which for lack of a separate symbol for each sound, we represent by ['pɪtɪ], ['sɪtɪ]. The same applies to initial unstressed syllables, as in **desist** [dɪ'zɪst], **begin** [bɪ'gɪn], **initial** [ɪ'nɪʃəl], etc. The unstressed [ɪ] is more relaxed, as one would expect it to be, than stressed [ɪ], and in a phonetic transcription of greater precision than the one here employed, each sound would have its own symbol.

173. In unstressed syllables, this sound occurs for **a**, **e**, **i** and **u** of the conventional spelling, though usage in many words varies widely, some speakers pronouncing [ɪ], some [ɛ] and some the obscure vowel [ə]:

(1) before the stressed syllable, as in **begin** [bɪ'gɪn] or [bə'gɪn], **debate** [dɪ'beɪt] or [də'beɪt], **decide** [dɪ'saɪd] or [də'saɪd], **engage** [ɪn'geɪdʒ] or [ɛn'geɪdʒ], **except** [ɪk'sɛpt] or [ɛk'sɛpt], **elect** [ɪ'lɛkt], [ɛ'lɛkt] or [ə'lɛkt].

(2) after the stressed syllable, as in the preterites of verbs, **added** ['ædɪd], ['ædɛd] or ['ædəd]; **disgusted** [dɪs-'gʌstɪd], [dɪs'gʌstɛd] or [dɪs'gʌstəd]; in a variety of nouns and adjectives of different endings, as in **naked** ['neɪkɪd], ['neɪkɛd] or ['neɪkəd]; **sonnet** ['sɑnɪt], ['sɑnɛt] or ['sɑnət]; **rabbit** ['ræbɪt], ['ræbɛt] or ['ræbət]; **prelate** ['prɛlɪt] (very formally ['prɛlet]), ['prɛlɛt] or ['prɛlət]; **minute** (*noun*) ['mɪnɪt], ['mɪnɛt] or ['mɪnət]; **honest** ['ɑnɪst], ['ɑnɛst] or ['ɑnəst]; **lettuce** ['lɛtɪs], ['lɛtɛs] or ['lɛtəs]; **palace** ['pælɪs], ['pælɛs] or [pæləs]; **goodness** ['gʊdnɪs], ['gʊdnɛs] or

['gʊdnəs]; **riches** ['rɪtʃɪz], ['rɪtʃɛz] or ['rɪtʃəz]; **poem** ['poːɪm], ['poːɛm] or ['poːəm]; **vowel** ['vaʊɪl], ['vaʊɛl] or ['vaʊəl]; **college** ['kalɪdʒ], ['kalɛdʒ] (very formally ['kaledʒ]); **courage** ['kʌrɪdʒ], ['kʌrɛdʒ]; **usage** ['juːsɪdʒ], ['juːsɛdʒ]; **damage** ['dæmɪdʒ], ['dæmɛdʒ]; **manage** ['mænɪdʒ], ['mænɛdʒ]; **orange** ['ɔrɪndʒ], ['ɔrɛndʒ] or ['ɔrəndʒ].

"Philadelphia, New York City, and some parts of the West and South," says Grandgent,[1] often substitute [ə] for [ɪ] in final syllables, as in ['gʊdnəs] for ['gʊdnɪs], ['ɑnəst] for ['ɑnɪst], **I've got it** [aiv 'gɑt ət] for [aiv 'gɑt ɪt], ['pæləs] for ['pælɪs], but "in the rest of the country this pronunciation is regarded as extremely vulgar." Tests which the writer has applied to speakers from regions here excepted show that the statement as to the vulgarity of [ə] in final syllables is exaggerated and does not now apply. Such pronunciations as ['pæləs], ['ɑnəst] are current throughout the country, and cannot now be described as extremely vulgar by any standards generally accepted.

174. For **adobe, prairie** the standard pronunciation is [ə'doːbɪ], ['prɛːrɪ]. For **Cincinnati** both [sɪnsə'nætɪ] and [sɪnsə'nætə] occur, the former being locally and generally the more common pronunciation. For final **a** [ə] pronounced [ɪ] in popular speech, see above, § 148. The desire to avoid this popular pronunciation of final **a** [ə] as [ɪ] at all hazards sometimes leads speakers to pronounce final [ə] when cultivated standard speech has [ɪ], and this probably explains a pronunciation like [sɪnsə'nætə]. So also occasionally [mɪ'zʊrə] for standard **Missouri** [mɪ'zʊrɪ], and even ['prɛɪrə] for ['prɛɪrɪ] has been observed (Sturte-

[1] *Die Neueren Sprachen*, II, 449 (1895); see also *Dialect Notes*, I, 319–323 (1894).

vant, *Linguistic Change*, p. 83).[1] For **Ypsilanti** [ɪpsɪ-'læntɪ] occasionally [ɪpsɪ'læntə] is heard. It may be that the pronunciation of words like **Cincinnati, Missouri, Ypsilanti** has been affected by the analogy of many other place names like **Nebraska, Montana, Nevada**, etc., which regularly have [ə] for the final vowel. Final unstressed **y**, both in common and proper nouns, is always [ɪ], as in **heavy, busy, Albany, Schenectady**, etc.

175. For **jaundice** ['dʒɔndɪs] the popular dialects often have ['dʒɔndəɪz], ['dʒændəɪz]. For **Italian** popular speech commonly has ['aɪ'tæljən], but standard speech only [ɪ'tæljən].

[o], [o·], [oɪ]

176. This vowel is heard as a short sound, sometimes as the stressed vowel of polysyllables, as in **locomotive** ['lokə'motɪv], **connotative** [kə'notətɪv], in unstressed syllables, as in **obedient** [o'biːdɪənt], **approbation** [æpro-'beːʃən], **yellow** ['jɛlo], **window** ['wɪndo], **piano** [pɪ'æno], and in secondarily stressed syllables when the vowel may be short or half-long, as in the compounds **dough-nut** ['do·'nʌt], **tow-path** ['to·'pæθ], **go-cart** ['go·'kɑɹt], etc. On the weakening of unstressed [o] to [ə], see above, § 146.

177. When the sound is fully stressed and long, and especially when it is final, it tends to become diphthongal, starting with [o] and closing with [ʊ], as in **dough, doe** [doʊ], **toe, tow** [toʊ], **flow, floe** [floʊ], **château** [ʃæ'toʊ], etc. Before consonants, as in **rote, rode, roll**, etc., the diphthongal quality of the vowel is always less marked

[1] Though I am informed by Mr. F. L. Mott that ['preːrə] is a pioneer pronunciation for **prairie**, in Iowa, in the speech of persons who cannot be supposed to have been influenced by refined analogies.

and often not present at all. This sound is much less diphthongal in American than in British speech. In the latter a great variety of diphthongal shadings occur, some of them familiar in the exaggerated representations of Englishmen and their speech on the American stage. In the speech of many, perhaps of most, Americans there is scarcely any trace of diphthongal quality in the sound, which may in most instances be represented simply as [oː] or [o·]. See § 218.

178. In substantive compounds with **pro–**, the prefix, when stressed, in some words is regularly pronounced ['pro–], as in **probate, proceeds, profile, programme, prolix** ['prolɪks] or [prə'liks], **prologue, pronoun, protest**; in others, regularly [ɑ], or sometimes [ɔ], as in **problem, project, prophet, prospect, proverb**; and in still others, the pronunciation varies between [o] and [ɑ], the latter being the more general, as in **process, produce, product, progress, provost.**

179. For **sloth, slothful** the standard pronunciation is [sloːθ], ['sloːθfəl], but a variant pronunciation [slɔːθ], ['slɔːθfəl] is not infrequent. The pronunciation of **loam** in standard speech is [loːm], but frequently [luːm] in dialect speech. An archaic spelling **shew, shew-bread** is sometimes met with for [ʃoː], ['ʃoː-ˌbrɛd]. The proper name **Polish** is ['poːlɪʃ], following the analogy of **Pole** [poːl], but the verb **polish** is ['pɑlɪʃ]. For **bowie-** in the compound **bowie-knife** both ['boːɪ-] and ['buːɪ-] occur. The usual standard pronunciation for **shone** is [ʃoːn] or [ʃoʊn], but [ʃɔn], [ʃɔːn], even [ʃʌn] are occasionally heard. The pronunciation of **whole** as [hʌl] is dialectal.

180. In Eastern New England, a number of words which elsewhere have a long vowel are pronounced with

a short [o]-vowel which is slightly more fronted than the ordinary vowel, giving a mid half-front tense rounded vowel. "This vowel is used by educated New England speakers in about fifty common words and their derivatives, and it certainly prevails in the cultivated usage of this region in **Polk**, **polka**, **whole**, and probably in **both**, **folks**, **Holmes**, **most**, **only**, and some others."[1]

[ɔ]

181. This sound is a short vowel, and may be best observed in polysyllables, where it may be stressed, as in **auditory** ['ɔdɪˌtɔrɪ], **Audubon** ['ɔdʊbɔn], or in unstressed syllables, as in **audacious** [ɔ'deːʃəs], **authentic** [ɔ'θɛntɪk], **automatic** [ɔto'mætɪk], etc.

182. It occurs also with some speakers in many syllables written **o**, as in **hot**, **not**, **nod**, **log**, **soft**, **moss**, **on**, etc., or **a** after **w**, as in **water**, **watch**, etc., but usage varies in the value which it gives to the vowel in these words, see above, §§ 110, 111, and the vowel also varies in length from short to half-long or long, in some words, as in **soft** [sɔft], **moss** [mɔs], **dog** [dɔg], etc., pronounced also [sɔːft], [mɔːs], [dɔːg], or even dragged out in popular speech until they are over-long.

183. In words written **o** before [ŋ], the customary pronunciation is [ɔ], as in **long** [lɔŋ], **song** [sɔŋ], **throng** [θrɔŋ], **wrong** [rɔŋ], but occasional speakers have [ɑ] instead of [ɔ]. The pronunciation [lɔːŋ], [sɔːŋ], [θrɔːŋ], [rɔːŋ], etc., is heard only in dialect speech.

[1] Grandgent, *Publications of the Modern Language Association*, Vol. VII (New Series), p. 217 (1899). This vowel is dialectally common in Eastern New England in many words like **road**, **coat**, **boat**, **colt**, **post**, etc.

184. For **squalor** the usual pronunciation is [ˈskwɔləɹ], though [ˈskweːləɹ] is sometimes heard. For **swollen** the common form is [ˈswɔlən], but very frequently also [ˈswoːlən].

[ɔː]

185. This sound occurs in many syllables under full stress, as in **law** [lɔː], **draw** [drɔː], **taut, taught** [tɔːt], **thought** [θɔːt], **talk** [tɔːk], **naught** [nɔːt], **all** [ɔːl], **salt** [sɔːlt], **fault** [fɔːlt], **Paul** [pɔːl], etc.; also in dissyllables like **augur** [ˈɔːgəɹ], **aural** [ˈɔːrəl], **author** [ˈɔːθəɹ], **audit** [ˈɔːdɪt]; and in compounds, like **strawberry** [ˈstrɔˑˌbɛrɪ], **chalk-line** [ˈtʃɔˑkˌlain], in which the vowel may be long or half-long. On the organic difference between [ɔ] and [ɔː], see above, §§ 62, 63.

For **sauce** (*noun*), **saucy** the standard pronunciation is [sɔːs], [ˈsɔːsɪ], but in the sense 'impertinent speech,' 'impertinent,' popular pronunciation commonly has [sæs], [ˈsæsɪ].

186. In words of the type of **daunt, flaunt, gaunt, gauntlet, haunt, launch, taunt**, the common pronunciation is [dɔːnt], [flɔːnt], [gɔːnt], etc., but some speakers say [dɑːnt], [flɑːnt], [gɑːnt], and for some words, as in [hænt], [lænt͡ʃ], a pronunciation with [æ] or [æː] is current in dialect speech. For **laundry** the current pronunciation is [ˈlɔːndrɪ], with an occasional variant pronunciation [ˈlɑːndrɪ]. For **Laura** the usual pronunciation is [ˈlɔːrə], but also sometimes [ˈlɑːrə].

187. The pronunciation of **caught, bought, talk, taught**, etc., with [ɑˑ] or [ɑː], is current in some regions locally, but is not heard in standard cultivated English. So also the pronunciations [ˈdɑːtəɹ], [ˈslɑːtəɹ] for **daughter** [ˈdɔːtəɹ], **slaughter** [ˈslɔːtəɹ] are provincialisms.

188. A number of Indian proper names, in secondarily stressed syllables written **aw**, **ah**, **a**, have [ɔɪ], as in **Choctaw** ['tʃɑk'tɔɪ], **Kenesaw** ['kɛnə'sɔɪ], **Utah** ['ju'tɔɪ], **Altamaha** ['æltəmə'hɔɪ], **Omaha** ['omə'hɔɪ], **Ottawa** ['ɑtə'wɔɪ], etc.

189. Before [ɹ] followed by a consonant, when the [ɹ] is not pronounced, **o** is pronounced [ɔɪ], as in **corn** [kɔɪn], **force** [fɔɪs], **port** [pɔɪt], etc. But the pronunciation [hɔɪs] for **horse**, spelled *hoss* in dialect stories, is commonly regarded as illiterate and dialectal, though here, as in many instances, it is really the visual and not the audible form of the word that is objected to. When the [ɹ] is pronounced the preceding vowel is only half-long or short.

190. Before [r] followed by a vowel, the usual pronunciation of **o** is [ɔ·] or [ɔɪ], as in **glory** ['glɔ·rɪ], **story** ['stɔ·rɪ], **tory** ['tɔ·rɪ], **oral** ['ɔ·rəl], not distinguished in pronunciation from **aural**, **moral** ['mɔ·rəl]. But some speakers, retaining an older pronunciation probably under the influence of spelling, in at least some of these words have [o·] or [oɪ], as in **glory** ['glo·rɪ], **story** ['sto·rɪ], **tory** ['to·rɪ], **oral** ['o·rəl], etc.

191. Before [ɹ] final, **o** (**ou**, **oo**, **oa**) is pronounced [ɔ·] or [ɔɪ], as in **store** [stɔ·ɹ], **more** [mɔ·ɹ], **pore**, **pour** [pɔ·ɹ], **fore**, **four**, **for** [fɔ·ɹ], **door** [dɔ·ɹ], **floor** [flɔ·ɹ], **roar** [rɔ·ɹ], **sore**, **soar** [sɔ·ɹ]. See § 197. These words might be written also ['stɔ·əɹ], etc., though with most speakers the glide vowel is very slight.

The preposition **for** is often [fəɹ] in rapid speech, written *fur* in dialect stories.

[u], [uɪ]

192. This sound is of wide occurrence, both as long and short. As a long, it tends to become diphthongal,

[ʊu], but this pronunciation for what is commonly [uː] is not general enough in American speech to call for frequent representation. The quantity of the sound varies according to its surrounding from short to half-long and long. Instances of [u] occur in polysyllables like **recrudescence** [rikruˈdɛsəns], **altruistic** [æltruˈɪstɪk], **absolutely** [ˈæbsəˌlutlɪ], also [ˈæbsəˌljutlɪ], **Lusitania** [lusɪˈteˑnjə], etc. When the sound is long it is commonly represented in conventional spelling by **oo**, as in **boot** [buːt], **cool** [kuːl], **soon** [suːn], **spool** [spuːl], but also **ou**, as in **group** [gruːp], **soup** [suːp], **troupe** [truːp]; **u**, as in **dune** [duːn], **lunar** [ˈluːnəɹ], **rule** [ruːl], **rune** [ruːn]; **o**, as in **do** [duː], **to** [tuː]; **ui** as in **bruit** [bruːt], **fruit** [fruːt], **suit** [suːt], also [sjuːt], etc.

193. In some words usage varies widely between [u] and [ʊ], the resulting groups being very unsystematic. All speakers say **goose** [guːs], **mood** [muːd], **moon** [muːn], for example, and all say **book** [bʊk], **foot** [fʊt], **good** [gʊd], **shook** [ʃʊk], **stood** [stʊd]. But in the following words, which is not an exhaustive list, usage varies between [u], long or short, and [ʊ], and in popular use, one or two words have [ʌ]: **aloof**, **butcher**, **boot**, **broom**, **coop**, **Cooper**, **food**, **groom**, **hoof**, **hoop**, **Hooper**, **nook**, **proof**, **rood**, **roof**, **rook**, **room**, **rooster**, **root**, **soon**, **soot**, **spook**, **spoon**, **woof**.[1]

Of these words, according to the writer's observation, the following prevailingly have [uː]: **aloof**, **boot**, **broom**, **food**, **groom**, **proof**, **roof**, **rood**, **room**, **rooster**, **root**, **soon**, **spook**, **spoon**, **woof**; the following prevailingly have [ʊ]:

[1] The first two words in this list are included on the authority of Grandgent, *Die Neueren Sprachen*, II, 457, but for **aloof** the writer has heard only [əˈluːf], and for **butcher** only [ˈbʊtʃəɹ], or [ˈbuːtʃəɹ] so rarely that this form of the word seems scarcely to be regarded as a current American pronunciation.

butcher, coop, Cooper, hoof, hoop, Hooper, nook, rook, soot (also in popular pronunciation [sʌt]).

The pronunciations **boot** [bʊt], **broom** [brʊm], **food** [fʊd], **soon** [sʊn], **spoon** [spʊn], etc., for words in the first group must be characterized as local or provincial, but **coop** [kuːp], **Cooper** ['kuːpəɹ], **hoof** [huːf], **hoop** [huːp], etc., for words in the second group, are supported by the usage of many cultivated speakers, whose pronunciation is probably influenced to some extent by the spelling.

On the differences of usage between [uː] and [ju], see §§ 229–231.

194. For **acoustic** both [ə'kuːstɪk] and [ə'kaʊstɪk] are in common use, the former being perhaps the more general. For **bouquet** the standard pronunciation is [bu'keɪ], the pronunciation [bo'keɪ] or ['bo·'keɪ] being old-fashioned or rustic. For **brooch** both [bruːtʃ] and [broːtʃ] occur. For **route** [ruːt], **tour** [tuːɹ], [tuːəɹ], **wound** [wuːnd], the popular dialects often have [raʊt], [taʊəɹ], [waʊnd]. The spelling of **zoology**, aided by the abbreviation **Zoo**, results sometimes in a pronunciation [zu'ɑlədʒɪ], the standard pronunciation being [zo'ɑlədʒɪ].

[ʊ]

195. This is normally only a short vowel and is commonly written **u** in the conventional alphabet, as in **bull** [bʊl], **bush** [bʊʃ], **cushion** ['kʊʃən], **full** [fʊl], **put** [pʊt], as a term in golf pronounced [pʌt], **tulle** [tʊl], etc. For **supple** the usual pronunciation is ['sʌpl], but ['sʊpl] occurs commonly in dialect speech and occasionally in cultivated speech. For **brusque** both [brʊsk] and [brʌsk] are current, with the preference in favor of [brʊsk]. For **fulsome** the usual pronunciation is ['fʊlsəm], but ['fʌlsəm] is also countenanced by usage.

196. This sound appears also in words written **u** before **r**, as in **lure** [lʊɹ] or [lʊəɹ], **sure** [ʃʊɹ] or [ʃʊəɹ], **pure** [pjʊɹ] or [pjʊəɹ], **cure** [kjʊɹ] or [kjʊəɹ], **endure** [ɪn'djʊɹ] or [ɪn'djʊəɹ], **rural** ['rʊrəl], **fury** ['fjʊrɪ], **jury** ['dʒʊrɪ]; written **ou** in **your** [jʊɹ] or [jʊəɹ], when unstressed [jəɹ]; written **oo** in **poor** [pʊɹ] or [pʊəɹ], **moor** [mʊɹ] or [mʊəɹ], **boor** [bʊɹ] or [bʊəɹ].

The glide vowel in these words is always very slight in standard speech, though more apparent before [ɹ] final than before [r] followed by a vowel. Pronunciations like ['rʊərəl], ['fjʊərɪ], ['dʒʊərɪ] are general in British pronunciation but rare in America.

197. For **your**, **poor**, **moor**, **boor**, a pronunciation [jɔɪəɹ], [pɔɪəɹ], [mɔɪəɹ], [bɔɪəɹ], riming with **yore**, **pore**, **more**, **bore**, with [ɹ] omitted of course in some dialects, is current in localities but not in standard American pronunciation. As a proper name **Moore** is pronounced [mʊəɹ], and when pronounced [mɔɪəɹ] it is written **More.** For **door**, **floor**, however, the only current pronunciations are [dɔ·ɹ], [dɔ·əɹ], [flɔ·ɹ], [flɔ·əɹ]. See § 191.

[ʌ]

198. This sound is commonly written **u** in the conventional spelling, as in **but** [bʌt], **buzz** [bʌz], **cunning** ['kʌnɪŋ], **cup** [kʌp], **husband** ['hʌzbənd], etc., but frequently also **o**, as in **come** [kʌm], **done** [dʌn], **money** ['mʌnɪ], **some** [sʌm], and **ou**, as in **couple** ['kʌpl], **cousin** ['kʌzɪn], ['kʌzn], **double** ['dʌbl], **enough** [ɪ'nʌf], **trouble** ['trʌbl], **slough** [slʌf], **tough** [tʌf], etc.

199. For **u** before **r** followed by a vowel, the standard pronunciation is [ʌ], as in **burrow** ['bʌro], **hurry** ['hʌrɪ],

turret ['tʌrɪt], **scurry** ['skʌrɪ]; also **o** with the value of [ʌ], as in **borough** ['bʌro], **thorough** ['θʌro]; and **ou** with the value of [ʌ], as in **courage** ['kʌrɪdʒ], **nourish** ['nʌrɪʃ], **flourish** ['flʌrɪʃ], etc. With some speakers there is a tendency to pronounce the vowel [ə] in these combinations, that is, to pronounce **burrow, borough, hurry, turret,** etc., as ['bəro], ['hərɪ], ['tərɪt], etc., but this pronunciation is not often heard in cultivated speech. To make the difference clear, pronounce first the monosyllable **her,** then add a second syllable [ɪ] without changing the phonetic form of the first syllable, and finally substitute for [ə] in the stressed syllable the vowel [ʌ] as in **cut,** etc.

200. The standard pronunciation of **bury** is ['berɪ], see § 136. For **foreign** ['fɔrɪn], a form ['fʌrɪn] is sometimes heard in dialect pronunciation.

201. For **e** [ɛ], **i, y** [ɪ] before [r] followed by a vowel, standard English has [ɛ], [ɪ], see §§ 135, 170, but for these vowels dialect pronunciation often has [ʌ], **merry, very, terrible, American, bury** being pronounced ['mʌrɪ], ['vʌrɪ], ['tʌrɪbl], [ə'mʌrɪkən], ['bʌrɪ], and **miracle, squirrel, stirrup, syrup, Syracuse** being pronounced ['mʌrəkl], ['skwʌrəl], ['stʌrəp], ['sʌrəp], ['sʌrə'kjus]. But usage in this latter group is not altogether uniform, and though perhaps no cultivated speaker ever says ['mʌrəkl], many cultivated speakers do say ['sʌrəp], ['stʌrəp], ['skwʌrəl]. In words of this type, [ə] may also be heard in the popular dialects.

202. In **constable, conjure, monger, mongrel,** and some other words written **o** before **n,** both ['kʌnstəbl], ['kʌndʒəɹ], ['mʌŋgəɹ], ['mʌŋgrəl] and ['kɑnstəbl], ['kɑndʒəɹ], ['mɑŋgəɹ], ['mɑŋgrəl] are in good use, the latter being the more general.

203. For **com–** in **combat** and derivatives, American usage almost universally has [kɔm–] or [kɑm–], but occasionally [kʌm–], as in British pronunciation. But **company**, **compass** are always ['kʌmpənɪ], ['kʌmpəs].

204. For **bombard**, **bombast**, ['bʌm'bɑɪd], ['bʌm'bæst] are current British pronunciations, but in America the words are commonly ['bɔm'bɑɪɹd], ['bɔm'bæst]. The general pronunciation of **bomb** in America is [bɔm], see § 111.

205. For **just**, **such**, [dʒʌst], [sʌtʂ], the popular speech often has [dʒɪst], [dʒɛst], [sɪtʂ], [sɛtʂ].

[ʌː]

206. This sound is heard only in the pronunciation of speakers who do not sound [ɹ] in the final position and before consonants. It is heard only in stressed syllables, words like **never** ['nɛvə], **better** ['bɛtə], **butter** ['bʌtə] ending simply in [ə] when the final consonant is not pronounced. It is a normal vowel, formed with the point of the tongue touching the roots of the lower teeth, and it should be clearly distinguished from [ə]. It occurs finally in words like **fur**, **fir** [fʌː], **infer** [ɪn'fʌː], **cur** [kʌː], **spur** [spʌː], **purr** [pʌː], **myrrh** [mʌː], and medially in **turn** [tʌːn], **fern** [fʌːn], **furl** [fʌːl], **whirl** [ʍʌːl], **dirt** [dʌːt], **shirt** [ʂʌːt], **worth** [wʌːθ], **certain** ['sʌːtn], and similar words. When **r** final is not pronounced, it sometimes leaves a trace of its existence as a weak [ə], as in [fʌːə], [kʌːə], etc. This weak [ə] may be regarded as the survival of a glide vowel before [ɹ], therefore similar in character to the unstressed end vowel of **never** ['nɛvə], etc.

Since the vowel [ʌː] occurs only in the speech of persons who do not sound **r** in the final position and before consonants, it does not appear generally in American speech,

but only in certain forms of what is called loosely "Eastern pronunciation." To most other speakers, pronunciations like **fur, fir** [fʌ:], **cur** [kʌ:], etc., seem either local or affected.

[eɪ]

207. The vowel [e] when prolonged tends to diphthongize into [eɪ], especially when the vowel is final, as in **hay** [heɪ], **grey, gray** [greɪ], **weigh** [weɪ], etc. In standard American speech the first element of this diphthong is a clear [e]-vowel, but some speakers tend to lower the first element to [ɛ], and this latter seems to be the accepted standard pronunciation in England (see Jones, *Pronunciation of English*, § 117). It follows that the diphthongal quality of the sound is more marked in British than in American pronunciation, since the glide from [ɛ] to [ɪ] is greater than from [e] to [ɪ]. In fact, with many American speakers the sound is not diphthongal at all, being merely [e·] or [e:], except when it is unusually emphatic and long at the end of a word, in which case it becomes [eɪ] with practically all speakers.

[ɪi]

208. This diphthong is not general in American speech, but it occurs occasionally in full stressed monosyllables which end with the vowel or in monosyllables in which the vowel stands before a voiced consonant. Thus for **sea, see** [si:] one sometimes hears a diphthongal pronunciation [sɪi], especially when the word is emphatic. Compare also **seat** [si:t] with **seed** [sɪid] or [sɪid], **freak** [fri:k] with **league** [li:g] or [lɪig], **fleece** [fli:s] with **freeze** [fri:z] or [frɪiz]. But the diphthongal quality of this sound is always so slight that it is scarcely worth while to record it.

[aɪ]

209. This sound is represented in the conventional spelling in a variety of ways, as in **rite, right, write** [raɪt], **lie, lye** [laɪ], **sky** [skaɪ], **deny** [dɪˈnaɪ], **guy** [gaɪ]. When exceptionally emphatic it may become [ai].

210. The pronunciation of **lichen** is [ˈlaɪkən] or [ˈlɪtʃən], most commonly the former. For **sacrifice** the usual pronunciation is [ˈsækrɪˌfaɪs], sometimes [ˈsækrɪˌfaɪz], but only very rarely [ˈsækrɪˌfɪs]. For **bison** the common pronunciation is [ˈbaɪzn], though [ˈbɪsn], [ˈbaɪsn] are current forms in England. For **dynasty** both [ˈdaɪnəstɪ] and [ˈdɪnəstɪ] occur, the former being the more general. The pronunciation [fəˈraɪnə] for **farina** [fəˈriːnə] is British but not American usage.

211. The word **roil**, 'to make turbid,' is obsolete in England, but generally current in America. It has two pronunciations, the more familiar being [raɪl], especially in the metaphorical sense of the word, 'to vex,' 'to anger.' In this sense the word may also be spelled **rile**. Popularly **roil** is always pronounced [raɪl], as the diphthong **oi** regularly was in the eighteenth century, and still is by some old-fashioned folk, as in **spoil** [spaɪl], **boil** [baɪl], **join** [dʒaɪn], etc. In conventional cultivated use, however, a spelling pronunciation, [rɔɪl], has largely supplanted the older [raɪl].

212. In words ending in **–ile**, as in **servile, febrile, tactile, reptile, hostile**, the general tendency in America is to pronounce the last syllable as [–ɪl], and so always in **agile, fragile.** In England the reverse is true, a pronunciation like [ˈædʒɪl] being characterized by Michaelis-

Jones, *Phonetic Dictionary*, p. 11, as dialectal. Usage is not uniform, however, in America, and some speakers say ['səɹˈvaɪl], ['hɑsˈtaɪl], ['hɔsˈtaɪl], ['rɛpˈtaɪl], etc. The pronunciation of **gentile** is always ['dʒɛnˈtaɪl], to keep the word etymologically distinct from **gentle**.

213. For **quinine** several pronunciations are current, perhaps the most common being ['kwaɪˈnaɪn], but also [kwɪ'naɪn], [kwɪ'niːn], [kɪ'niːn].

214. For **cowardice, favorite, genuine** the standard pronunciation is ['kaʊəɹdɪs], ['feːvərɪt], ['dʒɛnjuɪn], popularly often ['kaʊəɹˈdaɪs], ['feːvəˈraɪt], ['dʒɛnjuˈaɪn]; but ['kaʊəɹˈdaɪs] the writer has observed occasionally also in cultivated speech.

215. Some speakers, especially family groups, have [ɑ] for the first element of this diphthong, giving [ɑɪ], as in **pile** [pɑɪl], **mine** [mɑɪn], **kind** [kɑɪnd], and producing what most persons regard as a rather 'mushy' pronunciation. The second element of the diphthong is likely to become [ə], also, in this pronunciation.

216. For [aɪ] sometimes [əɪ] is heard, as in **fine** [fəɪn], **time** [təɪm], but only in dialect and provincial speech. It is probably this sound which writers of dialect stories have in mind when they spell **fine, time** as *foin, toim,* etc.

217. Occasionally one hears from the older generation, pronunciation like **kind** [kɪ'aɪnd], **sky** [skɪ'aɪ], with a slight [ɪ] glide vowel between the consonant and the diphthong. This was formerly a fashionable pronunciation (see Webster, *Dissertations*, p. 109), but has now almost completely disappeared. See § 123.

[oʊ]

218. For this diphthong, see §§ 74, 177.

Normally in American speech the first element of this diphthong when it occurs is a clear [o]-vowel, but some speakers pronounce a sound very similar to [ʌ], as in **know** [nʌʊ], **go** [gʌʊ], and also prolong the second element of the diphthong. In American speech the diphthongal quality of the sound is likely to be less marked than in British speech. The diphthong also assumes a greater variety of forms in British than in American speech, and Jones records all of the following variants as current in London, [oʊ], [ɔʊ], [ʌʊ], [əʊ], [ɑʊ], [aʊ] (*Pronunciation of English*, § 152). He remarks that "In the best speaking care should be taken to round the lips properly in pronouncing [oʊ], and not to exaggerate the diphthongization," § 154. Neither caution is urgently applicable to American speech.

219. Both [o] and [ʊ] are rounded vowels, the former a mid back tense vowel, the latter a high back slack vowel, and the change in organic position in the glide from [o] to [ʊ] is not very great. Examples of words which are likely to be pronounced as diphthongs are **so, sow, sew** [soʊ], **though** [ðoʊ], **know** [noʊ], **roll** [roʊl], **oath** [oʊθ], **rose** [roʊz], etc. But all such words are often pronounced simply with [oː].

220. In unstressed or secondarily stressed syllables, as in **thorough** ['θʌro], **borough, burrow** ['bʌro], **fellow** ['fɛlo], **window** ['wɪndo], **sorrow** ['sɑro], **piano** [pɪ'æno], etc., the vowel is scarcely ever diphthongal, and in popular speech often weakens to [ə]. The pronunciation ['bʌro] or ['bʌroʊ] for **borough** is marked as dialectal by

Michaelis-Jones, *Phonetic Dictionary*, p. 47, for the British standard form ['bʌrə]; so also with **thorough**, see p. 423. But ['bʌro], ['θʌro] are current cultivated pronunciations in America, as well as ['bʌrə], ['bʌrə], the former perhaps even to be preferred.

[ʊu]

221. For this diphthong, see § 76.

[aʊ]

222. This is the common diphthong **ou**, **ow** of **house** [haʊs], **cow** [kaʊ]; **ough** of **slough** [slaʊ], 'a swamp' (**slough**, 'to cast off,' 'the cast skin of a snake,' is pronounced [slʌf]), **bough** [baʊ]; **au** in some words of foreign origin, as in **aurochs** ['aʊəɹˌɔks], **Augean** [aʊ'dʒiən], **Faust** [faʊst]. For **slough** a spelling **slew**, **slue**, **sloo**, and a corresponding pronunciation [slu:], are current in the Western States.

223. In several regions of the Atlantic seaboard, a triphthong appears in this sound when preceded by [k], [g], as in **cow** [kɪ'aʊ], **count** [kɪ'aʊnt], **gout** [gɪ'aʊt], but this pronunciation is distinctly local and dialectal.

224. The recognized pronunciation of **jowl** is [dʒaʊl], but [dʒo:l] is sometimes heard, perhaps on the analogy of the more familiar word **bowl**, though the analogy of **howl** would seem to be just as strong in the other direction. The word **jowl**, however, is not in general popular use, and for that reason has not acquired an established pronunciation.

225. The same is true of archaic forms like **enow**, a variant of **enough**, and **trow**, for which both [ɪ'naʊ],

[trɑʊ] and [ɪ′noʊ], [troʊ] are found as rimes in verse, where the words chiefly occur. When **enow** appears in the proper name, spelled **Goodnow, Goodenow, Goodenough**, it is pronounced [′gʊd‘noʊ], [′gʊdə‘noʊ].

226. For **blouse** the usual pronunciation is [blɑʊz], but a more or less fashionable pronunciation (*milliner's French*), [bluːz], is sometimes affected. The final consonant may also be voiceless, as in [blɑʊs].

227. In British pronunciation the first element of this diphthong is very commonly [a], as in **round** [raʊnd], **gown** [gaʊn], **renown** [rɪ′naʊn], etc., and this pronunciation is sometimes heard in America, though far less frequently than [ɑʊ]. In New England and in the Southern States the first element of the diphthong is often pronounced [æ], as in **hound** [hæʊnd], **out** [æʊt], but this pronunciation is heard in cultivated speech only as a Southernism.

[ɔɪ]

228. This diphthong is conventionally written **oi, oy**, as in **boil** [bɔɪl], **toy** [tɔɪ], also **uoy** in **buoy** [bɔɪ], **buoyant** [′bɔɪjənt]. A spelling-pronunciation [buɪ], [′buɪjənt] is sometimes heard for **buoy, buoyant**, but is not general. The eighteenth century pronunciation of this diphthong was [aɪ], and this pronunciation still lingers among some old-fashioned and rustic speakers in words like **boil** [baɪl], **join** [dʒaɪn], and persists generally in the somewhat colloquial word **roil, rile** [raɪl], see § 211.

[ju], [juː]

229. This is a rising diphthong, the first element being slightly stressed, the second element stressed and usually

prolonged. On the consonantal quality of the first element, see §§ 25, 78. The diphthong is the sound commonly known as 'long **u**,' and is written in the ordinary spelling **u**, as in **music** ['mjuːzɪk], **musician** [mju'ziʃən], **use** [juːs], [juːz]; **ew**, as in **few** [fjuː], **new** [njuː]; **eau**, as in **beauty** ['bjuːtɪ]. In the initial position and after lip consonants, usage uniformly has the sound [ju] for orthographic long **u** and its equivalents, as in **use** [juːs], [juːz], **rebuke** [rɪ'bjuːk], **butte** [bjuːt], **fusion** ['fjuːʒən], **mule** [mjuːl], **view** [vjuː], etc. The combination **sp** is followed by [ju] the same as **p**, as in **spurious** ['spjuːrɪəs], **spume** ['spjuːm].

230. Before **r**, the second element of the diphthong is likely to be lowered to [ʊ], e.g., **pure**, pronounced [pjuɹ] or [pjʊɹ], **cure** [kjuɹ] or [kjʊɹ], etc. When the **r** is not pronounced, a slight [ə]-vowel may take its place; when it is pronounced, a glide vowel [ə] may be heard before the consonant.

231. After [l] and [r] the diphthong is rarely heard except in precise speech, the current pronunciation being [uː], as in **lute** [luːt], **Lucy** ['luːsɪ], **Luke** [luːk], **rule** [ruːl], **rude** [ruːd], **rune** [ruːn], **ruse** [ruːz].

After [d], [t], [θ], [n], [s], usage varies widely, some speakers pronouncing **duty** ['djuːtɪ], **tube** [tjuːb], **enthusiasm** [ɛn'θjuːzɪæzm], **nude** [njuːd], **new** [njuː], **suit** [sjuːt], and others [duːtɪ], [tuːb], etc. The dictionaries generally authorize only the first of these pronunciations after [d], [t], [θ], [n], [s], and academic authority is very likely to condemn the pronunciation [uː] as uncultivated, in spite of the fact that it occurs widely in the speech of educated and informed people. It has long been current

in America, as is evident from Noah Webster's defense of [uː] in **duty**, etc., as the best pronunciation.[1]

232. After [k], orthographic **u**, representing the long vowel, is regularly [juː], as in **cube** [kjuːb], **cucumber** ['kjuːˌkʌmbəɹ], **cuneiform** ['kjuːnɪəˌfɔɹm], **acute** [ə'kjuːt], **culinary** ['kjuːləˌnɛrɪ], also pronounced ['kʌləˌnɛrɪ]. The analogy of these words has affected **coupon** ['kuːˌpɔn], which in popular speech is often pronounced ['kjuːˌpɔn].

233. After [g], the spelling **u** usually indicates merely the quality of the consonant, as in **guard** [gɑːɹd], **guess** [gɛs], and has no phonetic value, or it stands for a short vowel, as in **gun** [gʌn], **gush** [gʌʃ], etc. In **legume**, **leguminous**, **lugubrious**, **gubernatorial**, the vowel after **g** is usually [uː], rarely [juː].

234. In unstressed syllables, [ju] of standard pronunciation is sometimes weakened in popular pronunciation, as in **accurate** ['ækjurɪt], pronounced ['ækərɪt], **sinew** ['sɪnju], pronounced ['sɪnu], **argue** ['ɑːɹgju], pronounced ['ɑːɹgɪ], **ague** ['eːgju], written in dialect stories as *ager*, **value** ['vælju], written in dialect as *vally*, etc. The pronunciation ['fɪgəɹ] for **figure** is occasionally heard on the lips of cultivated speakers in America for standard ['fɪgjuɹ], but much less commonly than in England. Michaelis-Jones, *Phonetic Dictionary*, s. v., describes ['fɪgjuɹ] as dialectal in England. In rapid speech ['fɪgjuɹ] may become ['fɪgjəɹ].

[1] Webster, *Dissertations* (1789), pp. 153 ff. It seems to be less general in the South, than it is in New England, whence it has spread to all sections of the country.

CONSONANTS

[b]

235. This consonant is pronounced in essentially the same way in all positions. A **b** appears, however, in the conventional spelling of some words which has no phonetic value, (1) before **t**, as in **debt** [dɛt], **doubt** [dɑʊt], **subtle** ['sʌtl], **subtly** ['sʌtlɪ]; (2) after **m**, as in **bomb** [bɔm] or [bʌm], **dumb** [dʌm], **climb** [klaɪm], **comb** [koːm], **crumb** [krʌm], **jamb** [dʒæm], **lamb** [læm], **lambkin** ['læmkɪn], **numb** [nʌm], comparative degree **number** ['nʌməɹ], superlative **numbest** ['nʌməst], **aplomb** [ə'plɔm], **plumb** [plʌm], **plumber** ['plʌməɹ], **tomb** [tuːm].

236. When **m** is followed by **b** and a vowel, the **b** normally goes with the second syllable and is then pronounced, as in **limber** ['lɪmbəɹ], **lumber** ['lʌmbəɹ], **number** ['nʌmbəɹ], **timber** ['tɪmbəɹ], etc., except when the influence of a main form, in which the **m** is not pronounced, affects the pronunciation of derivatives, as in **climb** [klaɪm], **climbing** ['klaɪmɪŋ], **climber** ['klaɪməɹ], **plumb** [plʌm], **plumbing** ['plʌmɪŋ], **plumber** ['plʌməɹ], etc.

237. In the combination **mbl**, [b] is always pronounced, as in **crumble** ['krʌmbl], **humble** ['hʌmbl], **nimble** ['nɪmbl], **thimble** ['θɪmbl], **tremble** ['trɛmbl], etc.

238. In **rhomb** [rɔmb] a learned pronunciation with [b] is sometimes heard, due to the influence of spelling, and in **iamb** ['aɪˌæmb], also a learned word, the pronunciation with [b] is general. In **cupboard**, **p** has been assimilated to **b** which remains as a short consonant, ['kʌbəɹd]. In the proper name **Jacob**, the final consonant

very generally becomes voiceless, the word being pronounced ['dʒeːkəp]; so also in **Jacobs, Jacobson.**

[d]

239. The pronunciation of **d** of the conventional spelling remains uniform, except as the sound is affected by assimilation to neighboring sounds. Immediately after a voiceless consonant, [d] is regularly assimilated, becoming also voiceless, as in **backed** [bækt], **baked** [beːkt], **sniffed** [snɪft], **hissed** [hɪst], **flapped** [flæpt], **wished** [wɪʃt], **frothed** [frəθt], etc.

240. The reverse process may sometimes be observed in relaxed and slovenly speech, that is, a voiceless [t] in voiced surrounding becomes voiced, as in **belated** [bɪ'leːtəd], pronounced [bɪ'leːdəd]; **rated** ['reːtəd], scarcely distinguished in pronunciation from **raided** ['reːdəd]; **fitted** ['fɪtəd], pronounced ['fɪdəd]. In popular speech **putty** is frequently pronounced ['pʌdɪ], and in some dialects **water** becomes ['wɔdə], **letter** becomes ['lɛdə], **bitter** becomes ['bɪdə], etc., see § 14.

241. After [l] and [n], where according to rule one expects to find a voiced [d], in some words forms with both [d] and [t] exist, and the latter pronunciation is sometimes represented by **t** in the conventional spelling, as in **learned, learnt,** [ləɹnd], [ləɹnt], as participial adjective ['ləɹnəd]; **burned, burnt,** [bəɹnd], [bəɹnt]; **spoiled, spoilt,** [spɔɪld], [spɔɪlt]; **spelled, spelt,** [spɛld], [spɛlt]; **spilled, spilt,** [spɪld], [spɪlt]. Usage is arbitrary in pronunciations of this type. One may say [spɪlt] for **spilled,** but not [kɪlt] for **killed,** except in dialect Irish-English, where pronunciations with [t] are found in many preterites and past participles which have only [d] in standard English.

242. For **used**, in the sense of 'employ,' 'make use of,' the common pronunciation is [juːzd], but for **used**, 'to be accustomed to,' a widely current pronunciation is [juːst], when the final consonant [d] is assimilated to the [t] of the sign of the infinitive which in most instances follows the word. In a phrase like **I used to go** [aɪ ˈjuːstə ˈgoʊ], there is of course only one [t], to which the preceding consonant has also been assimilated, [z] becoming [s]. A like assimilation is common in **I had to go** [aɪ ˈhætə ˈgoʊ] or [aɪ ˈhætɪə ˈgoʊ].

243. After [n], in standard familiar speech [d] before a consonant is frequently omitted, as in **grandmother** [ˈgræn‿mʌðəɹ]; **handkerchief** [ˈhænkəɹ‿tʃɪf], or following the general tendency in the pronunciation of [n] before [k], see § 289, [ˈhæŋkəɹ‿tʃɪf]; **handsome** [ˈhænsəm]; **Windsor** [ˈwɪnzəɹ]; **brand-new**, also spelled **bran-new** [ˈbræːn‿juː]. Unemphatic **and** frequently becomes merely [n], as in **time and tide** [taɪm n taɪd], **good and hot** [gʊd n hɑt], etc. These pronunciations may be heard from cultivated speakers, but usage does not countenance this omission in all instances, pronunciations like **band-box** [ˈbæn‿bɑks], **landlady** [ˈlæn‿leːdɪ], **landlord** [ˈlæn‿lɔɹd], being heard only in careless or very rapid speech.

244. A similar omission of [d] takes place before [n] in **Wednesday** [ˈwɛnz‿deɪ], [ˈwɛnzdɪ].

245. After [n] in stressed syllables, [d] is sometimes added in popular speech, as in [draʊnd] for **drown**, [gaʊnd] for **gown**.

246. In the combination **nge**, a [d] is commonly pronounced after [n], as in **angel** [ˈeːndʒəl], **danger** [ˈdeːndʒəɹ],

hinge [hɪndʒ], **impinge** [ɪm'pɪndʒ], **strange** [streɪndʒ], etc., though some speakers pronounce such words without a [d], i.e., ['eɪnʒəl], ['deɪnʒəɹ], etc. The pronunciation with [d] is to be preferred. The same is true of the combination **rge**, as in **barge** [baɪɹdʒ], **large** [laɪɹdʒ], **forge** [fɔɹdʒ], **urge** ['əɹdʒ]; and **lge**, as in **bilge** [bɪldʒ], **bulge** [bʌldʒ], **indulge** [ɪn'dʌldʒ], and other words. See § 341.

[g]

247. This sound varies considerably according to its vocalic surrounding, as may be observed by comparing **gig** [gɪg] with **gone** [gɔn], see § 21. No questions of propriety are raised by this variation, however, because all speakers instinctively make the adaptation necessary to fit the consonant to its surroundings.

248. A **g** of the conventional spelling is silent in a number of words before [m] and [n], as in **paradigm** ['pærədɪm], sometimes ['pærə͵daɪm]; **phlegm** [flɛm], but **phlegmatic** always [flɛg'mætɪk]; **condign** [kən'daɪn]; **foreign** ['fɔrɪn]; **impugn** [ɪm'pjuɪn]; **reign** [reɪn]; **sovereign** ['sɑvrən]. For **poignant, poignancy** the usual pronunciations are ['pɔɪnənt], ['pɔɪnənsɪ], but through the influence of spelling, ['pɔɪgnənt], ['pɔɪgnənsɪ] are also sometimes heard. An initial **g** is silent in **gnarled** ['nɑɪɹld], **gnash** [næʃ], **gnat** [næt], **gnaw** [nɔɪ], **gnome** [noɪm], **gnu** [nuɪ], **gnostic** ['nɔstɪk]. For **physiognomy** the usual pronunciation is [fɪzɪ'ɔgnəmɪ], but also sometimes [fɪzɪ'ɔnəmɪ].

249. The combination **ng** of the conventional spelling represents simply [ŋ] in pronunciation when final, as in **sing** [sɪŋ], **singing** [sɪŋɪŋ], **wrong** [rɔŋ], **tongue** [tʌŋ], **young** [jʌŋ], etc. But in the combination **ngl** [ŋgl], **ngr** [ŋgr] before vowels or when [l], [r] are syllabic, a [g] is retained,

as in **angle** ['æŋgəl]; **England** ['ɪŋgləndˌ], **English** ['ɪŋglɪʃ], though some speakers say ['ɪŋləndˌ], ['ɪŋlɪʃ]; **Inglis** ['ɪŋglɪs], **Ingalls** ['ɪŋgəlz]; **single** ['sɪŋgl]; **anger** ['æŋgəɹ], **angry** ['æŋgrɪ]; **finger** ['fɪŋgəɹ]; **linger** ['lɪŋgəɹ]; **longer** ['lɔŋgəɹ]; **stronger** ['strɔŋgəɹ]; **younger** ['jʌŋgəɹ], etc. In the superlatives **longest** ['lɔŋgəst], **strongest** ['strɔŋgəst], **youngest** ['jʌŋgəst], the [g] is retained through the influence of the comparative with [ɹ]. On the other hand, words like **bringer** ['brɪŋəɹ], **hanger** ['hæŋəɹ], **ringer** ['rɪŋəɹ], **singer** ['sɪŋəɹ], **stringer** ['strɪŋəɹ], etc., in which the same combination of letters occurs as in **linger**, etc., have no [g] because the derivative forms are influenced by head forms like **bring** [brɪŋ], **hang** [hæŋ], etc.

250. The combination **ngu**, when the **u** has phonetic value and is not silent as in **tongue**, **harangue**, is pronounced [ŋgw], as in **languid** ['læŋgwɪd]; **language** ['læŋgwɪdʒ]; **languish** ['læŋgwɪʃ]; **lingual** ['lɪŋgwəl], **linguist** ['lɪŋgwɪst], and probably by attraction to **lingual**, etc., [ŋg] in **lingo** ['lɪŋgo]. For **languor** all three pronunciations occur, ['læŋəɹ], ['læŋgəɹ] and ['læŋgwəɹ], the first two being more general than the third.

251. For **recognizance**, 'a bond or pledge to keep the peace,' etc., the usual pronunciation is [rɪ'kɑgnɪzəns], less often [rɪ'kɑnɪzəns]. As a military term, meaning a preliminary examination of a region, the spelling is **reconnaissance**, pronounced [rɪ'kɑnɪsəns]. For **recognize** the only standard pronunciation is one with [g], as in ['rɛkəg‸naɪz], though one not infrequently hears ['rɛkənaɪz] in rapid speech and, perhaps even more frequently, **recognition** pronounced [rɛkə'nɪʃən].

252. For **suffragan** the accepted pronunciation is ['sʌfrəgən], but the pronunciation of **suffrage** ['sʌfrɪdʒ] some-

times produces ['sʌfrɪdʒən] in the speech of persons to whom the word is mainly an eye-word.

253. The combination **gh** of the conventional spelling is always silent, as in **right** [raɪt], **freight** [freːt], **sought** [sɔːt], etc., except when it stands for [f], see § 357, or in a few words for [g], as in **ghostly, ghost, ghetto.**

[h]

254. The main question that arises in connection with **h** is whether it is pronounced or whether it is silent. In America there is no group of speakers who add and omit [h] before vowels in the manner of the Cockney English, but in general whenever **h** appears in writing in stressed position, American speakers pronounce it. To this rule there are some exceptions, **heir, heiress, honor, honest, hour** never having an initial [h]. In **herb** and the proper names **Humphrey, Humphries**, the initial **h** is sometimes pronounced, sometimes not, the pronunciation without [h] being the more general. In **human, humble, humor** a pronunciation without [h] is almost never heard in America in the speech of cultivated persons, the phonetic forms of these words being ['hjuːmən], ['hʌmbl], ['hjuːməɹ]. But perhaps ['juːməɹ] should be recognized as an occasional cultivated pronunciation. In derivatives from **herb**, such as **herbage, herbalist, herbarium**, the initial consonant is always pronounced.

255. In unstressed syllables, initial [h] is sometimes lost. For **shepherd** and **forehead** the usual pronunciations are ['ʃɛpəɹd] and ['fɔɹɛd] or ['fɔɹɪd], though a spelling-pronunciation ['fɔr'hɛd] is occasionally heard. For **vehement, vehicle** the standard pronunciations are ['vɪəmɛnt]

and ['vɪɪkl], though popular forms with [h] are not infrequent. When the [h] is pronounced in **vehement**, the stress is likely to be on the second syllable, [vɪ'hiːmənt].

256. In weak syllables [h] is sometimes dropped in standard speech in words which retain it when the syllable is stressed, as in **history** ['hɪstərɪ], **an historical novel** [æn ɪs'tɔrɪkl 'nɑvl]; **him** [hɪm], but **I saw him** [aɪ sɔː ɪm]; **herald** ['hɛrəld], but **an heraldic device** [æn ɛr'ældɪk dɪ'vaɪs].

257. In proper names compounded with **-ham**, [h] is sometimes lost, as in **Chatham** ['tʃætəm], **Graham** ['greːəm], **Pelham** ['pɛləm], **Wyndham** ['wɪndəm], **Fordham** ['fɔɹdəm], and in a great many other dissyllables like these. But in trisyllables the general tendency of American speech is to put a secondary stress on the third syllable, which thus maintains the full form of **-ham** in words like **Birmingham** ['bəɹmɪŋ'hæm], **Buckingham** ['bʌkɪŋ'hæm], **Frothingham** ['frɔðɪŋ'hæm], **Wilbraham** ['wɪlbrə'hæm], locally pronounced ['wɪlbəɹ'hæm], etc. In **Waltham**, **Wrentham**, names of towns in Massachusetts, the **t** and **h** combine, giving ['rɛnθəm], and for **Waltham** ['wɔl'θæm], with a heavy secondary stress. These are the local pronunciations, but persons to whom the words are merely eye-words would probably pronounce them ['rɛntəm] and ['wɔltəm].

258. After **x** [ks], [gz], **h** is normally not pronounced, as in **exhibit** [ɛg'zɪbɪt], **exhibition** [ɛksɪ'bɪʃən]; **exhaust** [ɪg'zɔɪst]; **exhort** [ɪg'zɔɹt], etc. Occasionally one hears **exhale** [ɛks'heːl], **exhume** [ɛks'hjuːm], where the [h] is pronounced in an effort to make the second elements of the words etymologically prominent.

[j]

259. This sound is commonly written **y** in the ordinary alphabet, as in **yawl** [jɔːl], **yes** [jɛs], **yearn** [jəɹn], **youth** [juːθ], etc. Words written with initial **u**, as in **use** [juːs], **union** ['juːnjən], etc., have this sound as the first element of the so-called 'long **u**.' In internal position [j] appears in **companion** [kəm'pænjən], **onion** ['ʌnjən], **carrier** ['kæ-rɪjəɹ], **collier** ['kɑlɪjəɹ] or ['kɑljəɹ], etc. It is also occasionally heard in the speech of precise persons who try to avoid the sound [tʃ] generally current in words like **feature**, **nature**, etc., which are artificially pronounced ['fɪːtjʊɹ], ['neːtjʊɹ], etc.

260. The word **yeast** [jiːst] in popular speech often loses the initial consonant, becoming [iːst].

261. In illiterate speech, a pronunciation ['kɑljəm] for standard **column** ['kɑləm] is frequent.

262. For [j] in French and Italian words written **gn**, see § 285. The word **reveille** is commonly pronounced ['rɛvəlɪ], though occasionally [rə'veːjə]; **surveillance** is either [səɹ'veːləns] or [səɹ'veːljəns]; **cotillon** is either [ko-'tɪlən] or [ko'tɪljən], but when the latter pronunciation is intended, the spelling is usually **cotillion**.

[k]

263. The ordinary spellings for this sound are **k**, **c**, **ch**, **ck**, **qu** (with the value of [k] or [kw]), and **x** (with the value of [ks]), as in **king** [kɪŋ], **call** [kɔːl], **chemist** ['kɛmɪst], **black** [blæk], **exchequer** [ɛks'tʃɛkəɹ], **tax** [tæks]. In words written **cc** only one [k] is pronounced, as in **account** [ə'kaʊnt], **accuse** [ə'kjuːz], etc. In **schism** [sɪzm] and derivatives, **ch** is silent. For **schedule** the current pronun-

ciation in America is ['skɛdjul], but ['ʃɛdjul] is the more general pronunciation in England. The pronunciation of **cham** is [kæm], the word being an older variant form of **khan** [kɑːn]. In **flaccid** ['flæksɪd], the first **c** represents [k], the second [s].

The spelling **ch** is silent in **drachm** [dræm] and **yacht** [jɑt].

264. In the combination **kn, k** is silent, except when preceded by a vowel with which it makes a syllable, as in **knowledge** ['nɑlɪdʒ], but **acknowledge** [æk'nɑlɪdʒ]; **knee** [niː], **knight** [nɑɪt], etc.

265. Before [t], [k] is lost in **victuals** ['vɪtlz], **indict** [ɪn'dɑɪt] and derivatives, likewise in **arctic** ['ɑːɹtɪk] in popular speech and not infrequently also in cultivated speech. The form ['ɑːɹtɪks] is commonly used as the name of a kind of over-shoes. In most words, however, [k] is regularly pronounced before [t], as in **convict** ['kɑnvɪkt], **deduct** [dɪ'dʌkt], **depict** [dɪ'pɪkt], **picked** [pɪkt]. For **Connecticut** the standard pronunciation is [kə'nɛtɪkət].

266. No [k] appears in the combination **scl**, as in **muscle** ['mʌsl], **corpuscle** ['kɔɹ'pʌsl]. For **corpuscle** a second spelling and pronunciation occur, **corpuscule** [kɔɹ-'pʌskjul], hence also **corpuscular** [kɔɹ'pʌskjuləɹ].

267. In the combination [ŋk] followed by another consonant, many somewhat careless speakers tend to omit [k], pronouncing **anxious** ['æŋkʃəs] as ['æŋʃəs]; **injunction** [ɪn'dʒʌŋktʃən] as [ɪn'dʒʌŋʃən]; **linked** [lɪŋkt] as [lɪŋt], etc. In the unstressed position this pronunciation is general, as in **anxiety** [æŋ'zɑɪɪtɪ]; **punctilious** [pʌŋ'tɪlɪəs], but **punctual** ['pʌŋktʃuəl]; **sanctimonious** [sæŋtɪ'moːnɪəs], but **sanctify** ['sæŋktɪ'fɑɪ], etc.

268. In **blackguard** ['blæˌgɑɹd], **k** is silent, being assimilated to the following **g**.

269. The combination [ks], in unstressed position when followed by a voiced consonant or a vowel, generally becomes [gz], as in **exact** [ɛg'zækt], **exhibit** [ɛg'zɪbɪt], **exile** (*verb*) [ɛg'zaɪl], **auxiliary** [ɔg'zɪlɪɛrɪ], **luxurious** [lʌg'ʒuɹɪəs].

270. Analogy operates in words of this type, however, a form like **axiom** ['æksɪəm], with [ks] under the stress, retaining this pronunciation in **axiomatic** [æksɪo'mætɪk], and **vex** [vɛks] preserving a voiceless consonant in **vexation** [vɛks'eːʃən]. But [vɛg'zeːʃən] is also heard, and under the influence of **luxurious**, a pronunciation ['lʌgʒərɪ] for **luxury** ['lʌkʃərɪ]. In the same way **exile** (*noun and adjective*) ['ɛgzaɪl] is to be accounted for, by the side of ['ɛksaɪl], the former being now the more common pronunciation of the word.

271. Under the stress and before voiceless consonants, [ks] generally remains, as in **exhibition** [ˌɛksɪ'bɪʃən], **exigency** ['ɛksɪdʒensɪ], **exit** ['ɛksɪt], **excellent** ['ɛksɛlənt], **expire** [ɛk'spaɪəɹ], **extreme** [ɛk'striːm], **ecstatic** [ɛk'stætɪk], etc.

272. A [k] is often added in popular speech between [ŋ] and [θ], **length** [lɛŋθ], **strength** [strɛŋθ], and derivatives, being pronounced [lɛŋkθ], [strɛŋkθ], etc.

[l]

273. An **l** of the ordinary spelling is silent before [k], as in **talk** [tɔːk], **walk** [wɔːk], **chalk** [tʃɔːk], **caulk** [kɔːk], **Falkland** ['fɔklənd], **folk** [foːk], **yolk** [yoːk], when the

vowel preceding [k] is [o] or [ə]. After other vowels [l] is retained, as in **calculate** ['kælkju'le·t], in dialect speech also pronounced ['kæk–]; **elk** [ɛlk], **milk** [mɪlk], **hulk** [hʌlk]. In **Balkan** ['bɔːlkən] the spelling has probably influenced the pronunciation (cf. **balk** [bɔːk], **balky** ['bɔːkɪ], where the [l] is not pronounced), or the syllable division, which carries the [l] with the first syllable, causes it to be pronounced. In **falcon**, **falconry**, the l is always pronounced in American speech, probably because this is mainly a literary word and the spelling has thus been unusually influential.

274. Before **m** and after **a** [aː], [æ], **o** [oɪ], an **l** of the ordinary spelling is silent, as in **balm** [baːm], **calm** [kaːm], **alms** [aːmz], **palm** [paːm], **psalm** [saːm], **qualm** [kwaːm], **salmon** ['sæmən] or ['saːmən], **almond** ['aːmənd] or ['æmənd], **holm** [hoːm], **Holmes** [hoːmz]. But **l** is pronounced after [ɛ], [ɪ], [ʌ], as in **helm** [hɛlm], **film** [fɪlm], **culm** [kʌlm], **Hulme** [hʌlm], and of course in words in which **m** goes with a succeeding vowel, as in **almanac**, **Palmyra**, **calmative**, a medical term derived from **calm**, etc. In a word like **almond**, which might be written ['aːmnd], the second syllable is apparently so slightly syllabic as not to cause a separation between the preceding **l** and **m**. Yet a pronunciation ['ælmənd] does occur not infrequently in popular speech, and the local pronunciation of **Salmon**, a frequent proper name in Connecticut, is ['sælmən].

275. In **psalter**, **psaltery**, ['sɔltəɹ], ['sɔltərɪ], **l** is always pronounced. In **psalmist** it is usually not pronounced, through force of the analogy of **psalm**. But in **psalmody**, **psalmodic**, pronunciations on the analogy of **psalm** without **l**, and pronunciations with **l**, ['sælmədɪ], [sæl'mɑdɪk]

are both current, in the latter case the two consonants going with separate syllables.

276. After **a** [ɑː], [aː], [æ], **o** [ɔː], **l** is silent before [f], [v], in **calf, half, salve, golf** [gɔːf], but also pronounced [gɔlf], the latter being perhaps the more common pronunciation in America. When the [f] or [v] goes with a succeeding syllable, a preceding [l] is pronounced, as in **palfrey** ['pælfrɪ], **salvage** ['sælvɪdʒ], **salvation** [sæl'veːʃən], etc. In the proper names **Ralph, Rolfe,** an [l] is always pronounced, probably through the influence of the spelling, though formerly a pronunciation without [l] was also current. The verb **salve,** in the special sense of saving a ship or a ship's cargo, is pronounced [sælv].

277. Before [n], [l] is silent in **Lincoln** ['lɪŋkən].

278. The spelling **colonel** for ['kɘɹnl], ['kʌɪnl], is due to the French and Italian form of this word, but the pronunciation is due to the Spanish form, in which **r** appears instead of **l** in the spelling.

279. In **solder** ['sɑdəɹ], **l** is silent, though otherwise generally pronounced before **d.** Dialectally this word is sometimes pronounced ['sɔːdəɹ], written *sawder* in dialect stories. In **could, would, should,** no [l] is present in pronunciation, and historically no **l** should appear in the spelling of **could.** The Middle English form of this word is **coude,** but later the spelling changed to **could** under the influence of the analogy of **would** and **should,** both of which had **l** through etymological origin. But **could** seems to have retained its pronunciation without [l], and even to have attracted **would** and **should** to it. As auxiliaries, these words were all slightly stressed in the

word group, and this fact may have contributed to the loss of the [l] in them.

280. Words written **ll**, normally have only a single [l]-sound, as in **holly** ['hɑlɪ], **fully** ['fʊlɪ], etc., except when for the sake of unusual clearness a word like **wholly** is pronounced ['hoːllɪ] to distinguish it from **holy** ['hoːlɪ], or **solely** is pronounced ['soːllɪ] to keep it etymologically distinct from the word **soul**, or **foully** is pronounced ['faʊllɪ] to keep it etymologically distinct from **fowl**. Ordinarily, however, **wholly** and **holy** are pronounced exactly alike, ['hoːlɪ].

[m]

281. The pronunciation of [m] in standard English causes no difficulty. When **m** is written, it is always pronounced, except in **mnemonic** [nɪ'mɑnɪk] and derivative forms of this word, where it is silent, and in **comptroller** [kən'troːləɹ], where it is pronounced [n].

282. In popular English [m] is sometimes made syllabic after [l], **elm** [ɛlm], **helm** [hɛlm], **film** [fɪlm], etc., being pronounced ['ɛləm], ['hɛləm], ['fɪləm], etc.

283. For **pumpkin** standard pronunciation has ['pʌmpkɪn], ['pʌmkɪn], but dialect speech commonly has ['pʌŋkɪn], ['pʌŋkn].

[n]

284. The usual orthographic spelling for [n] is **n**, but also **gn**, **kn**, with **g** and **k** silent, as in **no** [noʊ], **ant** [ænt], **penny** ['pɛnɪ], **ton** [tʌn]; **condign** [kən'daɪn], **gnaw** [nɔː], **feign** [feɪn], **foreign** ['fɔrɪn], **poignant** ['pɔɪnənt]; **knee** [niː], **knell** [nɛl], **knock** [nɑk], **knoll** [noːl], **know** [noʊ].

285. In words of French and Italian origin written **gn**, as in **cognac, mignonette, vignette, Bologna, Campagna,** and in Spanish words written **ñ**, as in **cañon, señor, piñon,** the sound is [nj], as in ['koɪn‵jæk], ['mɪnjə'nɛt], [vɪn'jɛt], [bə'loɪnjə], popularly often pronounced [[bə'loɪnɪ], [kæm-'pænjə], ['kænjən], ['siːn‵jɔɹ], ['pɪn‵jən]. For **cañon** a spelling **canyon** is now commonly used. Exceptions to this rule are **poignant**, noted above, and **champagne** ['ʃæm'peɪn]. The place name **Boulogne** is commonly pronounced [bu'loɪn], and for **Bourgogne** only the Anglicized forms **Burgoyne, Burgundy** are in general use. In the customary pronunciation ['siːn‵jɔɹ] for **señor** the accented vowel has lost its Spanish value.

286. After **l**, [n] is silent in **kiln** [kɪl], though a pronunciation with [n], due to the influence of the spelling, is also heard.

287. For **chimney** ['tʃɪmnɪ], popular English often has ['tʃɪmlɪ], ['tʃɪmblɪ].

288. After [m], an orthographic **n** is regularly silent, except when it belongs to a succeeding syllable, as in **solemn** ['sɑləm], but **solemnize** ['sɑləm‵naɪz]; **autumn** ['ɔɪtəm], but **autumnal** [ɔ'tʌmnəl]; **hymn** [hɪm], but **hymnal** ['hɪmnəl]. The influence of a head form without [n] often preserves this pronunciation even when **mn** is followed by a vowel, as in **condemn** [kən'dɛm], **condemning** [kən'dɛmɪŋ]; **damn** [dæm], **damning** ['dæmɪŋ]; **in joy and hymning** (Milton) [ɪn dʒɔɪ ænd 'hɪmɪŋ].

In popular pronunciation [n] is often omitted in **government** ['gʌvəɹn‵mɛnt], pronounced ['gʌvəɹ‵mɛnt].

For **n** [ŋ] before [k], see § 289.

[ŋ]

289. This sound is commonly represented in spelling by **ng**, or by **n** in the combination [ŋg], [ŋk], as in **sing**, **singing**, [sɪŋ], [sɪŋɪŋ], **long** [lɔŋ], **lung** [lʌŋ], **rang** [ræŋ]; **think** [θɪŋk], **minx** [mɪŋks], **Bronx** [brɔŋks], **bank** [bæŋk], **sunk** [sʌŋk], **monk** [mʌŋk], **monkey** ['mʌŋkɪ], **distinct** [dɪs'tɪŋkt], **tincture** ['tɪŋktʃəɹ], **function** ['fʌŋkʃən], [fʌŋktʃən], **conch** [kɔŋk], etc. On the omission of [k] or [t] in the combination [ŋktʃ], see §§ 267, 339.

290. The prefix **in–** when stressed and followed by [k] is pronounced [ɪn–] or [ɪŋ–], as in **income** ['ɪn'kʌm] or ['ɪŋ'kʌm], **incubus** ['ɪnkjubəs] or ['ɪŋkjubəs], **incubate** ['ɪnkju'be·t] or ['ɪŋkju'be·t]; so also with **in–** followed by **qu**, as in **inquest** ['ɪnkwɛst] or ['ɪŋkwɛst]. The pronunciation of **inquiry** [ɪn'kwaɪrɪ] with stress on the first syllable, giving ['ɪnkwɪrɪ] or ['ɪŋkwɪrɪ], is not current in standard English.

291. The prefix **con–** followed by [gr] is pronounced [kaŋ–] when it bears a stress, as in **congress** ['kaŋgrɛs], **congregate** ['kaŋgrɪ'ge·t], **congruous** ['kaŋgruəs]; but when not stressed it usually becomes [kən–], as in **congressional** [kən'greʃənəl], **congruity** [kən'gruɪtɪ]. In **congregational** a pronunciation [kaŋ–] may persist because in polysyllables of this type the first syllable bears a secondary stress.

For **Congreve**, **Conger**, **Congo**, the usual pronunciations are ['kaŋ'griv], ['kaŋgəɹ], ['kaŋ'goʊ].

292. Followed by [k], the pronunciation of **con–** varies indifferently between [kan–] and [kaŋ–], as in **concave** ['kan'ke·v] or ['kaŋ'ke·v], **concubine** ['kankjubaɪn] or ['kaŋkjubaɪn], **conclave** ['kan'kle·v] or ['kaŋ'kle·v], **con-**

cord ['kɑn'kɔɹd] or ['kɑŋ'kɔɹd], **concourse** ['kɑn'kɔɹs] or ['kɑŋ'kɔɹs], **concrete** ['kɑn'krit] or ['kɑŋ'krit].

293. Before **qu** [kw], **gu** [gw], **n** is pronounced [ŋ] by some speakers, [n] by others, as in **banquet** ['bæn'kwɛt] or ['bæŋ'kwɛt], **Banquo** ['bæn'kwo] or ['bæŋ'kwo], **lingual** ['lɪngwəl] or ['lɪŋgwəl], **linguistic** [lɪn'gwɪstɪk] or [lɪŋ'gwɪstɪk], etc., with the preference perhaps in favor of the pronunciations with [n]. In **conquer** ['kɑŋkəɹ], **conqueror** ['kɑŋkərəɹ], where **qu** is [k], the value of **n** is always [ŋ], but in **conquest** forms with [n] and [ŋ] both appear.

294. Before [θ], [ŋ] often becomes [n] in popular speech in **length** [lɛŋθ], **lengthen** ['lɛŋθən], **strength** [strɛŋθ], **strengthen** ['strɛŋθən], which are pronounced [lɛnθ], ['lɛnθən], [strɛnθ], ['strɛnθən].

295. A final unstressed [n] is sometimes pronounced [ŋ] in dialect speech, as in **kitchen** ['kɪtʃɪŋ], **chicken** ['tʃɪkɪŋ], **garden** ['gɑɹdɪŋ], etc., so also facetiously in **heavens** ['hɛvɪŋz].

296. In dialect speech and sometimes also in colloquial cultivated speech, final unstressed [ŋ] becomes [n], especially in present participles, as in **singing** ['sɪŋɪn], **doing** ['dun], **saying** ['seːɪn], etc. This pronunciation is more generally heard in cultivated speech in England than in America. In both countries, however, the authority of academic opinion is strongly against it.

297. A final [ŋ] sometimes becomes [ŋk] in dialect speech, as **nothing** ['nʌθɪŋk], **singing** ['sɪŋɪŋk], **anything** ['ɛnɪ'θɪŋk]. This pronunciation appears in America chiefly in the larger cities and in speakers of foreign birth

or tradition. It is more common in unstressed than in stressed syllables, but pronunciations like [kɪŋk] for **king** may even be heard.

[p]

298. An orthographic **p** is silent in **comptroller** [kən-'troːləɹ], **psalm** [sɑːm], **pseudo–** ['suːdo–], **psychology** [saɪ'kɑlədʒɪ], **pneumatic** [nju'mætɪk], **pterodactyl** [tɛro-'dæktɪl], **ptomaine** ['toːˌme·n], **ptarmigan** ['tɑːɹmɪgən], **raspberry** ['ræzˌbɛrɪ], ['raɪzˌbɛrɪ]. The pronunciation of **corp** is [kɔɹ], plural **corps** [kɔɹz], but in **corpse** [kɔɹps] the **p** is sounded. In **cupboard** ['kʌbəɹd] the **p** is not sounded and may be said to have been assimilated to the following **b**. The word **clapboard** shows the same change.

299. On the other hand, some speakers insert a [p] between **m** and a continuant consonant where no [p] is present in orthography or in standard speech, as in **warmth** [wɔɹmpθ], **lymph** [lɪmpf], **camphor** ['kæmpfəɹ], **symphony** ['sɪmpfənɪ], **samphire** ['sæmpˌfaiəɹ], **Humphrey**, **Humphries**, ['hʌmpfrɪ], ['hʌmpfrɪz]. The spelling **ph** in these words may partly account for the pronunciation of a [p] in them, though this spelling is of course only one of the English ways of recording [f]. A more probable explanation, however, is that a [p] is necessarily produced when the breath is allowed to issue after the formation of [m] and the tongue and lip formation for a different consonant are not immediately assumed. In the same way a [p] is sometimes present in **dreamt** [drɛmt], giving [drɛmpt]. See § 359 for **ph** pronounced [p] in the combination **phth**.

300. In the orthographic combination **mp** followed by a consonant, a [p] is generally pronounced, as in **unkempt** ['ʌn'kɛmpt], **limped** [lɪmpt], **stamped** [stæmpt], **glimpse**

[glɪmps], **lamps** [læmps], **assumption** [ə'sʌmpʃən], etc., but some speakers tend to omit the [p] in these combinations, pronouncing ['ʌn'kɛmt], [lɪmt], [stæmt], [glɪms], [ə'sʌmʃən], etc. To most persons these seem rather careless pronunciations.

In the place names **Hampshire, Hampden, Hampton,** the **p** is usually silent.

[r], [ɹ]

301. On the different varieties of **r**, see §§ 39–44.

Especially in the East and South, [ɹ] is regularly omitted by many speakers before other consonants and finally, as in **party** ['pɑɪtɪ], **large** [lɑɪdʒ], **far** [fɑɪ], **cur** [kʌɪ], **war** [wɔɪ]. But when stressed [ɹ] is omitted finally it often leaves a trace of its existence in a weak [ə], as in **for, four** ['fɔɪə], **there** ['ðɛɪə], **fear** ['fiɪə], **fire** ['faɪə], **fur** ['fʌɪə], **war** ['wɔɪə], **cur** ['kʌɪə], **far** ['fɑɪə].

302. When [ɹ] is omitted before a consonant, the preceding vowel, if not already long, is lengthened, and the difference in length may then be the only distinguishing feature between two such words as **cart** [kɑɪt] and **cot** [kɑt], **hard** [hɑɪd] and **hod** [hɑd], **part** [pɑɪt] and **pot** [pɑt]. But between **father** and **farther** no phonetic distinction would exist, both being ['fɑɪðə]; so also **fought** and **fort** might both be [fɔɪt], **caught** and **court** might be [kɔɪt], **sought** and **sort** might be [sɔɪt], **laud** and **lord** might be [lɔɪd], etc. In Southern speech the sound of **o** before **r** and a consonant frequently becomes a vowel between [ɔɪ] and [oɪ], which may be described as a front [ɔɪ]. In this pronunciation **lord** lies between **laud** and **load** and distinct from both. So also in words with **r** final, as in **tore**, the pronunciation of which suggests **taw** or **toe**, but is appreciably different to the ear.

303. For **burst** a popular form without [ɹ] is generally current, but is pronounced [bʌst], whereas the cultivated pronunciation is either [bəɹst] or [bʌɪst]. Similar pronunciations like **nurse** [nʌs], **first** [fʌst], **curse** [kʌs], **pursy** ['pʌsɪ], **purslane** ['pʌslɪ], are to be heard only in dialect and popular speech.

304. For **iron** and derivatives the only current pronunciations are ['aɪəɹn], ['aɪən]. A parallel pronunciation for **apron** ['eɪpəɹn], however, is dialectal, the standard form being ['eɪprən]. For **irony** the pronunciation is ['aɪrənɪ]. For **tired** the standard pronunciation is ['taɪəɹd] or ['taɪəd], and so with similar words, such as **fired**, **hired**, **wired**, etc.

305. At the end of words after vowels, in unstressed and after [ɔɪ] in stressed syllables, an [ɹ] is often added which is not present in spelling or in standard use, as in **idea** [aɪ'dɪəɹ], **window** ['wɪndəɹ], **Hannah** ['hænəɹ], **Noah** ['noɪəɹ], etc. This is most likely to take place when the word is followed by another word beginning with a vowel, but the pronunciation is not limited to such combinations. Pronunciations like [drɔɪɹ], [sɔɪɹ] for **draw** [drɔɪ], **saw** [sɔɪ], occur only in illiterate or dialect speech, but one often hears [aɪ'dɪəɹ], ['wɪndəɹ], ['hænəɹ], etc., especially in New England, in the speech of cultivated persons. They are localisms, however, not to be recommended for imitation. In dialect speech an **r** is often inserted before a consonant after [ɔɪ], as in **chalk**, pronounced [tʃɔɪɹk], **dog**, pronounced [dɔɪɹg], **soft**, pronounced [sɔɪɹft], etc. For standard **wash** [wɔʃ], **Washington** ['wɔʃɪŋtən], popular speech often has [wɔɪɹʃ], ['wɔɪɹʃɪŋtən]. In such words [ɹ] probably arises from the diphthongal pronunciation of [ɔɪ], see § 70.

306. Between vowels, [r] is omitted dialectally and also by some educated speakers in a kind of feeble refined pronunciation which is not general in any locality, but is characteristic rather of individuals or small family groups, as in [ˈvɛɪ] for **very**, [ˈkɛɪ] for **carry**, [ˈoɪəl] for **oral**, [ˈfʌɪ] for **furry**, etc. This pronunciation is caused by failure to bring the tongue after the pronunciation of the preceding vowel to the position required by [r], and in most instances is probably a survival of infantile pronunciations in which the movements of the organs of speech were under imperfect command. Somewhat similar is the omission of [r] in **hundred**, pronounced [ˈhʌndəd], and the first [r] in **February**, pronounced [ˈfɛbəˈwɛrɪ], for standard [ˈhʌndrəd], [ˈfɛbruˈɛrɪ]. For **February** there is also a pronunciation [ˈfɛbjuˈɛrɪ] which is probably in part due to the analogy of **January** [ˈdʒænjuˈɛrɪ], and is not infrequently heard in cultivated speech. The pronunciation of **library** [ˈlaɪbrɛrɪ] as [ˈlaɪbɛrɪ] is juvenile and dialectal.

307. In popular speech, [ɹ] is also omitted before consonants, especially in unstressed syllables, as in **comfortable**, **surprised**, **particular**, pronounced [ˈkʌmfətəbl], [səˈpraizd], [pəˈtɪkjuləɹ], **Saturday**, pronounced [ˈsætədɪ]. Also in some stressed syllables, as in **cartridge**, pronounced [ˈkætrɪdʒ], **partridge**, pronounced [ˈpætrɪdʒ].

[s]

308. The sound of [s] is represented in the ordinary spelling by **s**, **ss**, **c**, **sc**, **x** [ks], as in **yes** [jɛs], **best** [bɛst], **miss** [mɪs], **mistress** [ˈmɪstrɪs], **wasp** [wɔsp], **rice** [raɪs], **except** [ɛkˈsɛpt], **accept** [ækˈsɛpt], **ceiling** [ˈsiːlɪŋ], **cincture** [ˈsɪŋktʃəɹ], **cinch** [sɪntʃ], **circle** [ˈsəɹkl], **service** [ˈsəɹvɪs],

tax [tæks], **buxom** ['bʌksəm], **scythe** [saɪð], **scene** [siːn], **scissors** ['sɪzəɪz]. The spelling of **scissors** is exceptional in two respects, in the spelling **sc** in a native English word for [s], and **ss** for [z]. In **schism** and derivatives, **sch** is pronounced [s], [sɪzm].

For **si**, **ssi**, **su**, **ssu**, pronounced [ʃ], see § 327.

309. The value of **c** is [s] regularly before **e**, **i**, **y**, as in **cell** [sɛl], **conceit** [kən'siːt], **citron** ['sɪtrən], **decide** [dɪ-'saɪd], **cinch** [sɪntʃ], **cycle** ['saɪkl], but [k] before **a**, **o**, **u**, as in **can** [kæn], **call** [kɔːl], **coke** [koːk], **cook** [kʊk], **cup** [kʌp]. For **sacerdotal** the standard pronunciation is ['sæsəɹ'doɪ-təl], but sometimes a Latinized pronunciation [sækəɹ–] is heard. The Old English proper names **Cædmon**, **Cynewulf** are pronounced ['kædmən], ['kɪnɪ'wʊlf]. For **Celt**, **Celtic**, **Cymric** both [kɛlt], ['kɛltɪk], ['kɪmrɪk] and [sɛlt], ['sɛltɪk], ['sɪmrɪk] occur.

310. In the combination **stl**, the **s** is usually voiceless, as in **gristle** ['grɪsl], **thistle** ['θɪsl], **whistle** ['ʍɪsl], etc., but some speakers say ['mɪzl'toʊ] for **mistletoe** ['mɪsl'toʊ]. For **grisly** the standard pronunciation is ['grɪslɪ].

311. For **greasy** the common pronunciation is ['griːzɪ], but some speakers carry over the consonant of the noun **grease** [griːs] to the adjective, pronouncing the adjective ['griːsɪ]. A distinction is sometimes made in the meaning of ['griːsɪ] and ['griːzɪ], the latter being regarded as a word of unpleasant connotation. Popular usage and, in general, standard speech have only the form with [z].

312. For **rise** (*noun*) a pronunciation [raɪs] is sometimes heard to distinguish the noun from the verb [raɪz], but the common pronunciation is [raɪz] for both noun and verb. In some words, however, [s] is distinctive for

noun, [z] for verb function, as in **advice** [æd'vaɪs], **advise** [æd'vaɪz]; **device** [dɪ'vaɪs], **devise** [dɪ'vaɪz]; **abuse** [ə'bjuːs], **abuse** (*verb*) [ə'bjuːz]; **use** [juːs], **use** (*verb*) [juːz]; **grease** [griːs], **grease** (*verb*) [griːz]. For **sacrifice** the common pronunciation is ['sækrɪ'faɪs] for both noun and verb, but ['sækrɪ'faɪz] is occasionally heard for the verb. For **close** as verb the pronunciation is [kloɪz], as adjective, adverb and noun (as in 'cathedral close') the pronunciation is [kloɪs]. In **recluse** [rɪ'kluːs] the **s** is voiceless.

313. The pronunciation of **Missouri** is commonly [mɪz'uːrɪ], though [mɪ'suːrɪ] is sometimes heard. The accented vowel may be [ʊ].

314. In **Louisville**, **St. Louis**, **Illinois** and other proper names in which a French tradition survives, pronunciations both with and without **s** are generally current. In **New Orleans** the final **s** is always pronounced, the stress being on the first syllable, as in ['nju 'ɔɹlənz]. The pronunciation ['nju ɔɹ'liːnz] is dialectal. In **Des Moines** [dɪ'mɔɪn] neither **s** is sounded. In **Illinois** when the final consonant is pronounced it is voiced. In **New Orleans** the two vowel letters of the final syllable may be given separate quality, as in ['nju 'ɔɹlɪənz].

315. In **ambergris**, though the word is of French origin, the final **s** is always sounded, and the word is treated as though it were a compound of **amber** and **grease**, being pronounced accordingly, ['æmbəɹ'griːs]. So also with **verdigris** ['vəɹdɪ'griːs], **avoirdupois** ['ævəɹdʊ'pɔɪz]. For **bourgeois**, meaning 'middle class,' the pronunciation is ['bʊɹʒ'waɪ], but as the name of a kind of type it is [bəɹ'dʒɔɪs].

316. Some speakers show a marked tendency to substitute [ʃ] for [s], especially when it comes before [t], as in **worst** [wəɪst], pronounced [wəɪʃt], **distressed** [dɪs'trɛst], pronounced [dɪs'trɛʃt], **suggest** [sə'dʒɛst], pronounced [sə'dʒɛʃt], etc. The pronunciation produces a spluttery untidy effect, which most persons find very disagreeable.

317. For **rinse** [rɪns], [rɪnz], popular dialect speech often has [rɛntʃ]. The proper name **Rensselaer** ['rɛnsə'leɪɪ], ['rɛnsleɪɹ], has a popular form ['rɛntʃleɪɹ]. The pronunciation of **pincers** ['pɪnsəɪz] as ['pɪntʃəɪz] is probably the result of the influence of **pinch.** It is possible that the pronunciation [rɛntʃ] for **rinse** has been affected by the analogy of **wrench** [rɛntʃ]. A half-way form, [rɛns], is also heard.

[z]

318. The two common spellings for [z] are **s** and **z**, as in **his** [hɪz], **phase** [feɪz], **despise** [dɪ'spaɪz], **misery** ['mɪzərɪ], **accuse** [æ'kjuɪz], **visor** ['vaɪzəɹ], **Townsend** ['taʊnzənd], **zone** [zoɪn], **baize** [beɪz], **lazy** ['leɪzɪ], **dizzy** ['dɪzɪ], **hazard** ['hæzəɹd], **lizard** ['lɪzəɹd], etc. Hard and fast rules for **s** pronounced [z] cannot be given, because general rules are very much broken into by analogical groupings. Initial **s**, however, is never voiced, and the spellings **c**, **ss** never stand for [z], with the exception of **scissors**, see § 308, and **Missouri**, see § 313. Between vowels and in the neighborhood of voiced consonants, **s** tends to become [z] by assimilation, as in **house** [haʊs], **houses** ['haʊzɪz], but the operation of this tendency may be held in check by the influence of a head form, as in **case** [keɪs], **cases** ['keɪsɪz]; **gas** [gæs], **gases** ['gæsɪz]; **lease** [liɪs], **leases** ['liɪsɪz]; or the third singular of verbs,

like **loose** [luɪs], **looses** ['luɪsɪz]. Likewise in the possessives of words ending in [s] the voiceless sound is preserved when the ending is added, as in **moose** [muɪs], **moose's** ['muɪsɪz].

319. Inflectional **s** in the plurals and possessives of nouns and in the third singular present of verbs is [z], unless it is preceded by a voiceless consonant, as in **cows** [kaʊz], **goes** [goɪz], **paths** [pæðz], **wives** [waɪvz], **tubs** [tʌbz], **rides** [raɪdz]; but **cats** [kæts], **skiffs** [skɪfs], **myths** [mɪθs], **walks** [wɔɪks], **steps** [stɛps], etc.

320. For **Mrs.** the common pronunciation is the same as for **misses**, that is, ['mɪsəz] or ['mɪsɪz], but occasionally the final consonant is voiceless, ['mɪsɪs]. The pronunciation with the medial consonant voiced, as in ['mɪzɪz], is said to be a sure test of Southern speech.[1] But the test does not work both ways. It may be true that ['mɪzɪz] is always Southern, but it is not true that all Southerners say ['mɪzɪz]. In Southern pronunciation **Mrs.** is often monosyllabic, being merely [mɪz], with perhaps the final consonant prolonged.

321. Words in which a stressed **s** after a vowel is followed by the ending **–ive** usually have [s], but sometimes [z], as in **abusive, conclusive, corrosive, diffusive, evasive, persuasive, incisive.** The pronunciation with **s** is to be preferred. After **n, l, r,** when **s** is under the stress it remains as [s], as in **pensive, defensive, expansive, impulsive, discursive.**

322. Intervocalic **s** in unstressed syllables when it is not [ʃ] or [ʒ] (see §§ 327 (*e*), 328 ff.), usually is pronounced

[1] Read, *Dialect Notes*, III, 524 (1911).

[z], as in **comparison, jettison, unison, venison,** though sometimes [s] in all these words.

The usual pronunciation of **usage** is [ˈjuːsɪdʒ], the voiceless [s] being maintained by the stress. But [ˈjuːzɪdʒ] also is heard.

323. In **newspaper** the less usual pronunciation is [ˈnjuːzˌpeˑpəɹ], in agreement with the uncompounded form **news** [njuːz]. Generally, the voiced [z] is assimilated to the voiceless [p], giving [ˈnjusˌpeˑpəɹ].

324. In **Chinese, Japanese, Maltese, Siamese, Soudanese,** etc., the final syllable is usually [–iˑz], especially when the words stand in adjective position and are consequently lightly stressed, as in **Siamese twins** [ˈsaɪəmiˑz ˈtwɪnz]. As the name of a people, for example, **the Chinese, the Japanese,** the words are more heavily stressed and are often pronounced with a voiceless consonant, [ðə tʃaɪˈniːs], [ðə dʒæpəˈniːs].

325. For **Kansas, Arkansas,** the pronunciation is [ˈkænzəs], [ɑɹˈkænzəs], rarely with [s] for the first consonant of the last syllable; but the pronunciation of **Arkansas** as [ˈɑɹkənˌsɔː] is the one accepted in the state and in the West generally. For **Texas** the usual pronunciation is [ˈtɛksəs], less often [ˈtɛksəz].

326. The pronunciation of **czar** (sometimes spelled **tzar**) and derivatives is [zɑːɹ]. In a few words, especially Greek proper names, **x** is pronounced [z], as in **Xenophon** [ˈzɛnəfən], **Xanthippe** [zænˈtɪpɪ], **Xerxes** [ˈzəɹksiz], **Xavier** [ˈzeːvɪəɹ], **Xebec** [ˈziːbɛk]. In **avoirdupois** the final consonant is always pronounced [z], see § 315.

[ʃ]

327. This sound is of very wide occurrence in the language and can best be treated under the heads of its various orthographic representations.

(*a*) **s**=[ʃ] in **sugar** ['ʃʊgəɹ], **sure** [ʃʊɹ], [ʃʊəɹ], and derivatives of **sure**. The sound is not standard in any other words of this type, though occasionally heard in pronunciations like **assume** [ə'ʃuːm] for [ə'suːm], [ə'sjuːm], ['ʃuːmæk] for **sumach** ['suːmæk], especially in dialect speech.

(*b*) **sh**=[ʃ], as in **ship** [ʃɪp], **fish** [fɪʃ], **ashen** ['æʃən], **shackle** ['ʃækl], **fashion** ['fæʃən], and a large number of other words.

(*c*) **sch**=[ʃ], but only in a few words of foreign origin, as in **schottish**, **schottische** ['ʃɑtɪʃ], **schist** [ʃɪst], a term in geology, **schnapps** [ʃnæps]. For **schedule**, see § 263; for **schism**, see § 308. Ordinarily **sch**=**sk** [sk].

(*d*) **ch**=[ʃ], especially in words of French origin or words influenced by French pronunciation, as in **chef** [ʃɛf], **chalet** [ʃæ'leɪ], **chevalier** [ʃɛvə'lɪəɹ], **cheval** [ʃɛ'væl], **chauvinism** ['ʃoːvɪnɪzm], **chandelier** ['ʃændə'lɪəɹ], **charade** [ʃə'reɪd], **chic** [ʃik], **chassis** [ʃæ'siː], **champagne** [ʃæm'peɪn], **chiffonier** [ʃɪfə'nɪəɹ] (very commonly also [ʃɛf–]), **chauffeur** ['ʃoːfəɹ] or [ʃo'fəɹ], **chivalry** ['ʃɪvəlrɪ], **chagrin** [ʃə'grɪn], **cheroot** [ʃə'ruːt], **chaise** [ʃeːz], **chamois** ['ʃæmwɑ] (as the name of the animal), ['ʃæmɪ] (as the name of the skin of commerce), **chiffon** ['ʃɪfən], **chemise** [ʃɛ'miːz], **chicanery** [ʃɪ'keɪnɪrɪ], **mustache** [məs'tæʃ]; also in proper names, as in **Charlotte** ['ʃɑːlət], **Champlain** [ʃæm'pleɪn], **Charlevoix** ['ʃɑːləvəɪ], **Cheyenne** ['ʃaɪ'ɛn], **Chenango** [ʃə'næŋgo], **Chicago** [ʃɪ'kɑːgo] or [ʃɪ'koːgo], **Michigan** ['mɪʃɪgən], **Cheboygan** [ʃɪ'bɔɪgən], **Chatauqua** [ʃə'tɔːkwə]. But [ʃ] for **ch** is not universal in native American place names, some

having [tʃ], as in **Chippewa** ['tʃɪpɪ‿wɔ:], **Chillicothe** [tʃɪlɪ-'kɔɪθɪ], **Chicopee** ['tʃɪko‿'pi:], **Cherokee** ['tʃɛro‿'ki:], **Chattanooga** [tʃætə'nu:gə].

For **chivalry** ['ʃɪvəlrɪ] and derivatives a pronunciation ['tʃɪvəlrɪ] also obtains in England, but is never heard in America except as a Briticism.

An occasional pronunciation [pə'ro:ʃəl] is heard for the standard **parochial** [pə'ro:kɪəl].

(*e*) Under this and the following heads are grouped instances in which an original [s] or [t], followed by an unstressed mid or high front sound, [e], [ɪ] or [ju] combined with the vowel to form [ʃ].

ce=[ʃ], as in **ocean** ['o:ʃən], and in the ending **–aceous**, as in **herbaceous** [hɔɪ'be:ʃəs], **crustaceous** [krʌs'te:ʃəs], etc. For **oceanic** both [oʃɪ'ænɪk] and [osɪ'ænɪk] occur.

(*f*) **ci**=[ʃ], as in **musician** [mju'zɪʃən], **social** ['so:ʃəl], **gracious** ['gre:ʃəs], **sufficient** [sə'fɪʃənt], **ancient** ['eɪnʃənt], also ['eɪntʃənt], **pacient** ['peɪʃənt], **racial** ['re:ʃəl], **precious** ['prɛʃəs], **preciosity** [prɛʃɪ'ɔsɪtɪ].

In the endings **–ciate**, **–ciation**, considerable difference of usage occurs, the general tendency of popular speech being to pronounce **ci** as [ʃ], but in cultivated speech this tendency is sometimes interrupted, especially in formal discourse, in which the pronunciation [sɪ] is often preferred as being nearer to the spelling, as in **enunciate** [ɪ'nʌnʃɪ‿'e·t] or [ɪ'nʌnsɪ‿'e·t], **associate** and derivatives [ə'so:ʃɪ‿'e·t] or [ə'so:sɪ‿'e·t], **pronunciation** [pro‿'nʌnʃɪ'e:ʃən] (but perhaps more commonly [pro‿'nʌnsɪ'e:ʃən], either from a desire to distinguish **ci** and **ti** in the word, or it may be because one is likely to be self-conscious in pronouncing this word), **officiate** [ə'fɪʃɪ‿'e·t] or [ə'fɪsɪ‿'e·t], **emaciated** [ɪ'me:ʃɪ‿'etəd] or [ɪ'me:sɪ‿'e·təd], **appreciate** [æ'pri:ʃɪe·t], **appreciation** [æpriʃɪ'e:ʃən] or [æprisɪ'e:ʃən]. In words like

appreciation, enunciation, association, etc., the **ci** is likely to be pronounced [sɪ] to avoid bringing two [ʃ]-sounds close together.

(*g*) **sci**=[ʃ], as in **conscious** ['kɑnʃəs], **conscience** ['kɑnʃəns], **omniscient** [ɔm'nɪʃənt], **luscious** ['lʌʃəs].

In formal speech instead of [ʃ], sometimes [sɪ] is heard for **sci**, especially in learned words, like **omniscient** [ɔm'nɪsɪənt], **prescience** ['prɛsɪəns].

(*h*) **si**=[ʃ], as in **mansion** ['mænʃən], **dimension** [dɪ'mɛnʃən], **transient** ['trænʃənt], in formal speech often ['trænsɪənt], **Asia** ['eːʃə], but also ['eːʒə], **fuchsia** ['fjuːʃə]. In **transient** the consonant is sometimes voiced, giving ['trænʒənt]. In **Persia** ['pəɹʒə] it is always voiced. See § 333 (*a*).

The variant spelling **x** for [ks] appears in **noxious** ['nɑkʃəs], **anxious** ['æŋkʃəs]. For **axiom** the standard pronunciation is ['æksɪəm], the general tendency, which would produce ['ækʃəm], being held in check by the learned character of the word.

(*i*) **se**=[ʃ], as in **nausea** ['nɔːʃə] and derivatives, but also pronounced ['nɔːʃɪə], ['nɔːsɪə], ['nɔːʒə], ['nɔːʒɪə], ['nɔːzɪə].

(*j*) **su**=[ʃ], the vowel also persisting, as in **insular** ['ɪnʃuləɹ], **peninsula** [pɛn'ɪnʃulə], **sensual** ['sɛnʃuəl], **sexual** ['sɛkʃuəl], **consular** ['kɑnʃuləɹ], **luxury** ['lʌkʃərɪ], less frequently ['lʌgʒərɪ].

In all these words, which differ from those under (*a*) in that **s** is followed by **u** in an unstressed syllable, pronunciations with [sj] also occur, as in ['ɪnsjuləɹ], ['sɛnsjuəl], etc., especially in formal and conscious speech. It is the [j] element in [ju] that causes the [s]-sound to become [ʃ].

(*k*) **ssi**=[ʃ], as in **mission** ['mɪʃən], **passion** ['pæʃən], **discussion** [dɪs'kʌʃən], **confession** [kən'fɛʃən], **Ossian**

[ˈəʃən] or in careful pronunciation [ˈəʃɪən], **Russia** [ˈrʌʃə], **Prussia** [ˈprʌʃə].

(*l*) **ssu**=[ʃ], the vowel also persisting, as in **issue** [ˈɪʃu], **tissue** [ˈtɪʃu], **fissure** [ˈfɪʃʊɹ] or [ˈfɪʃəɹ], **pressure** [ˈpreʃʊɹ] or [ˈpreʃəɹ], **commissure** [ˈkɑmɪˈʃʊɹ], a term in biology.

A careful pronunciation, as in [ˈɪsju] or [ˈɪʃju], is sometimes cultivated in these words, see also under (*j*). On the other hand, a slighter colloquial form is also to be observed, as in [ˈtɪʃə] for **tissue**, especially as adjective in the phrase **tissue paper**.

(*m*) **te**=[tʃ], as in **righteous** [ˈraɪtʃəs], sometimes also **courteous** [ˈkəɹtʃəs], though more commonly [ˈkəɹtɪəs]. Other words in **–eous**, as **duteous**, **piteous**, **plenteous**, **bounteous**, **beauteous**, have only the pronunciation [ˈdjutɪəs], etc., in agreement with their head forms **duty**, **pity**, **plenty**, **bounty**, **beauty**.

In **amateur** the stress falls in cultivated speech on the last syllable, [æməˈtəɹ], but quite generally in familiar speech, especially in such phrases as "amateur theatricals," "amateur standing," etc., the stress is on the first syllable, giving [ˈæmətʃəɹ].

(*n*) **ti**=[ʃ], as in **position** [pəˈzɪʃən], **nation** [ˈneːʃən], **essential** [ɪˈsɛnʃəl], **Titian** [ˈtɪʃən], **rational** [ˈræʃənəl], **ratio** [ˈreːʃo], **sentient** [ˈsɛnʃənt], though also [ˈsɛntɪənt] as a learned word.

For **otiose**, **otium**, the recognized dictionary pronunciations are [oʃɪˈoːs], [ˈoːʃɪəm], but the words are not current in colloquial use, and for that reason most speakers when compelled to pronounce them would follow the spelling.

For **ratiocination** both [ˈrætɪosɪˈneːʃən] and [ˈræʃɪosɪˈneːʃən] are in good use.

In words like **differentiation**, **negotiation**, **substantia-**

tion, the first **ti** is often pronounced [sɪ] and the second [ʃ], perhaps from a disinclination to have two [ʃ]-sounds close together, see above, under (*f*). In **differentiation** the influence of **difference** may also be of some weight. In **differentiate**, **negotiate**, **substantiate**, the value of **ti** is commonly [ʃɪ], and it remains so with probably the majority of speakers in **differentiation**, etc.

When **ti** is preceded by [s], the [t] assibilates to [ʃ], but at the same time remains as [t] to avoid the juxtaposition of [s] and [ʃ], as in **question** ['kwɛstʃən], **suggestion** [sə'dʒɛstʃən], **Christian** ['krɪstʃən], etc. The pronunciation ['krɪstɪən] is very formal. See § 339.

When **ti** is preceded by [n], ordinarily the **ti** is pronounced [ʃ], as in **mention** ['mɛnʃən], **attention** [ə'tɛnʃən], **convention** [kən'vɛnʃən], etc.; but when a word is strongly stressed, the sound may become [tʃ], as in **Don't even mention it** [do:nt i:vn 'mɛntʃən ɪt], or in **attention** as a military command, which is reduced merely to the final syllable [tʃʌn], with of course heavy stress. In such words the organic position for [t] is already assumed for the pronunciation of [n], and the special emphasis merely carries over the continuant [n] to a stop [t].

The history of these words in **ti** runs parallel in everything except orthography to words in **si**. Words of this type were first introduced into the language from French in the early Middle English period, and at the time of their appearance in the language they had already acquired in French a pronunciation [sɪ]. This pronunciation Modern French still retains in words like **nation**, **intention**, etc. Sometimes in the earlier periods one finds **t** replaced by **c** in spelling, as in **nacion** for **nation** ['næsɪən]. The influence of Latin orthography, however, was strong enough to prevent the carrying through of this rationaliz-

ing process in spelling, which would have resulted in a consistent spelling with **c** or **s** for **t** in words of this type. Instead a certain amount of inconsistency now appears in English spelling, as in **(in)tention** and **(ex)tension**, **vicious** and **vitiate**, both of these being pairs of etymologically the same word, or **mention** and **(di)mension**, etymologically different, but phonetically the same. Occasionally words with **cti** are written with **x**, as in **connection**, **connexion** [kə'nɛkʃən], **inflection**, **inflexion** [ɪn'flɛkʃən], etc.

(*o*) **tu**=[tʃ], as in **nature** ['neɪtʃəɹ], **feature** ['fiɪtʃəɹ], **creature** ['kriɪtʃəɹ], **moisture** ['mɔɪstʃəɹ], **fortune** ['fɔɹtʃən], **actual** ['æktʃuəl], **virtuous** ['vəɹtʃuəs], **furniture** ['fəɹnɪtʃəɹ], etc. Formal pronunciations, e.g., ['neɪtʃʊɹ], ['fiɪtʃʊɹ], etc., may occur.

For **literature** and other words of three or four syllables which may have a secondary stress on the final syllable, two pronunciations occur, ['lɪtərətʃəɹ] or ['lɪtərə'tjʊɹ], the latter being the more formal and careful style.

The influence of **manufacture** [mænju'fæktʃəɹ] often produces a popular pronunciation [mænju'fæktʃərɪ] for **manufactory**, which in standard pronunciation is always [mænju'fæktərɪ].

The change of **tu** to [tʃ] implies a pronunciation of **u** as [ɪu] or [ju], that is, ['neɪtjuɹ], ['fiɪtjuɹ], etc. This pronunciation is historically recorded, and it was not until towards the close of the eighteenth century that the combination [tju] became [tʃu] in generally accepted English. In fact, [tju] may still be heard occasionally in formal pronunciation. It was perhaps natural for the [t] to be retained, since it was pronounced, even when with the following sound it produced a [ʃ], giving for older **nature** ['neɪtjuɹ] the pronunciation ['neɪtʃuɹ]. In a word like **nation**, however, it was pointed out above that the **t** was

never sounded as [t] in English, but only as [s], and the combination therefore developed as **si** into [ʃ]. If **nation** and similar words had come into the language with **t** sounded, for example ['neɪtɪən], no doubt a pronunciation ['neɪtʃən] would have resulted instead of ['neɪʃən]; and so also with [tʃ] for other words of this type. In short, the development of **tu** into [tʃ] is a relatively late and exclusively English process, whereas the development of **ti** into [ʃ] is not what it seems to be, but merely the development of a French [sɪ] into [ʃ].

The pronunciation of **u** in the combination **tu** as [u], not [ju], resulted merely in a weakening of the vowel without any change in the character of the preceding consonant. Thus arose dialect pronunciations like *critter* for **creature**, *nater*, *nateral* for **nature, natural**, etc.

When the combination **tu** is under the stress, it remains [tju], as in **mature** [mə'tjuɹ] or [mə'tjʊɹ], **institute** (*noun*) ['ɪnstɪ'tjut], **institution** [ɪnstɪ'tjuʃən], **astute** [æs'tjuːt], and in initial stressed syllables, as in **tuber, Tudor, tunic, tutor**, and the monosyllables **tube** and **tune**. Even in these stressed syllables the combination **tu** was formerly pronounced [tʃu], but this is heard now only as a humorous pronunciation.

[ʒ]

328. This is the voiced equivalent of [ʃ] and is orthographically represented by **j**, **g**=[dʒ], or by **s** or **z** before unstressed **i** or **u**, often also by **d** before unstressed **i** or **u**.

329. As the second element of the compound sound [dʒ], this consonant appears in **join** [dʒɔɪn], **judge** [dʒʌdʒ], **gem** [dʒɛm], **gage** [geɪdʒ], **suggest** [sə'dʒɛst], **allege** [ə'lɛdʒ], **ledge** [lɛdʒ], **bridge** [brɪdʒ], **magic** ['mædʒɪk].

330. For **malinger** the standard pronunciation is [mə'lɪndʒəɹ], though occasionally speakers are led to pronounce the word as though it were a variant form of **linger** ['lɪŋgəɹ].

331. For **margarine**, or the compound **oleomargarine**, the common pronunciation is ['maːɹdʒərɪn] or ['maːɹdʒə-ˌriːn], the historically correct pronunciation ['maːɹgərɪn] being now rarely heard.

332. For **longevity**, **longitude**, the pronunciation is always [lɔn'dʒɛvɪtɪ], ['lɔndʒɪˌtjuːd]. For **gibber**, **gibbering**, it may be ['dʒɪbəɹ], ['dʒɪbərɪŋ] or ['gɪbəɹ], ['gɪbərɪŋ], but for **gibberish** it is always ['gɪbərɪʃ]. In **gibbet**, **gibe**, **giblets**, **gill** (*quarter pint*), **gin** (shortened form of **engine** and also shortened form of **Geneva**), **ginseng**, **gist**, the initial consonant is always [dʒ]. A dictionary should be consulted for a list of the words containing **g** before front vowels.

333. Other occurrences of [ʒ] are:

(*a*) **si**=[ʒ], as in **derision** [dɪ'rɪʒən], **vision** ['vɪʒən], **fusion** ['fjuːʒən], **abrasion** [ə'breɪʒən], **occasion** [ə'keɪʒən], **erosion** [ɪ'roːʒən], **osier** ['oːʒəɹ], **Frasier** ['freɪʒəɹ] or ['freɪ-ʒjəɹ], **hosier** ['hoːʒəɹ] or ['hoːʒjəɹ], **gymnasium** [dʒɪm'neɪ-ʒəm], **symposium** [sɪm'poːʒəm], though for these last two words a learned pronunciation [–zɪəm] is also heard.

(*b*) **zi**=[ʒ], as in **glazier** ['gleɪʒəɹ] or ['gleɪʒjəɹ], also written **glasier**, **Frazier** ['freɪʒəɹ] or ['freɪʒjəɹ].

(*c*) **su**=[ʒ], with the vowel also persisting, as in **treasure** ['trɛʒəɹ], **pleasure** ['plɛʒəɹ], **leisure** ['lɛʒəɹ] or ['liːʒəɹ], **closure** ['kloːʒəɹ], **erasure** [ɪ'reɪʒəɹ]; **usual** ['juːʒuəl] or ['juːʒjuəl], **visual** ['vɪʒuəl] or ['vɪʒjuəl], **casual** ['kæʒjuəl] or ['kæzjuəl].

The standard pronunciation of **Jesuit** is ['dʒɛzjuɪt], less commonly ['dʒɛʒjuɪt].

In **luxurious** the standard pronunciation is [lʌg'ʒʊrɪəs].

(*d*) **zu**=[ʒ], in **azure** ['eɪʒəɹ] or ['æʒəɹ].

(*e*) **di**=[dʒ], in **cordial** ['kɔɹdʒəl], **soldier** ['soːldʒəɹ], and sometimes in other words in **–ial**, **–ient**, **–ious**, **–ium**, as in **medial**, **obedient**, **expedient**, **tedious**, **medium**, **radium**, **tedium**, but usually in these words the endings have the value [–ɪəl], [–ɪənt], [–ɪəs], [–ɪəm].

In **grandeur**, **de**=[ʒ], ['grændʒəɹ].

(*f*) **du**=[dʒu], in **modulate** ['mɑdʒu'le·t], **nodule** ['nɑdʒul], **schedule** ['skɛdʒul], **pendulum** ['pɛndʒuləm], **individual** [ɪndɪ'vɪdʒuəl], etc. Instead of [dʒu] in these words, careful and formal speech often has [dju], but the normal tendency is to pronounce [dʒu].

(*g*) **ti**=[ʒ], in **equation** [ɪ'kweːʒən], but also, in accordance with the usual value of **ti** as [ʃ], [ɪ'kweːʃən]. The pronunciation with [ʒ] seems to have arisen by analogy to such words as **invasion**, **abrasion**, etc.

334. In some words of French origin, **g** is pronounced [ʒ], as in **rouge** [ruːʒ], **menage** [mɛ'nɑːʒ], **cortege** [kɔɹ'teːʒ], **mirage** [mɪ'rɑːʒ], **camouflage** ['kæmu'flɑːʒ], **persiflage** ['pəɹsɪ'flɑːʒ].

335. The proper name **Mosher** is usually ['moːʒəɹ]. It is also spelled **Mosier**, **Mozier**.

[t]

336. This sound is commonly represented by **t**, **tt**, but also by **d** in the preterites of many verbs when the ending **–(e)d** is assimilated to a preceding voiceless consonant. Examples of [t] are **talk** [tɔɪk], **lettuce** ['lɛtɪs], **missed**

[mɪst], **slipped** [slɪpt], **coughed** ['kɔːft], **wished** [wɪʃt], and hosts of other words.

337. An orthographic **t** is silent in **argot** ['ɑːɹgo], **depot** ['diːpo], **ballet** [bæ'leɪ] or ['bælɪ], **buffet** [bʊ'feɪ], **chalet** [ʃæ'leɪ], **valet** [væ'leɪ] or ['vælɪ], but more fashionably now ['vælɪt], **parquet** [pɑɹ'keɪ] as the name of a part of a theater, but [pɑɹ'kɛt] as the name of a kind of flooring. All these words are of comparatively recent French origin. In **trait**, final **t** is not pronounced in British usage, but in America it is always pronounced.

338. In the orthographic combination **–ction**, the **t** is silent, as in **perfection** [pəɹ'fɛkʃən], **suction** ['sʌkʃən], **function** ['fʌŋkʃən], **diction** ['dɪkʃən], **action** ['ækʃən], etc. In the combination **–ctu–**, usage varies between [ktʃ] and [kʃ], as in **actual** ['æktʃuəl] or ['ækʃuəl], **juncture** ['dʒʌŋktʃəɹ] or ['dʒʌŋkʃəɹ], **puncture** ['pʌŋktʃəɹ] or ['pʌŋkʃəɹ], **lecture** [lɛktʃəɹ] or ['lɛkʃəɹ], **manufacture** [manju'fæktʃəɹ] or [mænju'fækʃəɹ], etc., though in formal and careful speech the pronunciation with [t] is preferred.

339. In the combinations **–sti–**, **–stu–**, a [t] is always pronounced in cultivated speech, pronunciations like [ɛgz'ɔɪsʃən], ['kwɛsʃən], ['fɪksʃəɹ], ['mɪksʃəɹ] for **exhaustion** [ɛgz'ɔɪstʃən], **question** ['kwɛstʃən], **fixture** ['fɪkstʃəɹ], **mixture** ['mɪkstʃəɹ] being slovenly English.

340. In the combinations **stl**, **stn**, **ftn**, no [t] is pronounced, as in **epistle** [ɪ'pɪsl], **thistle** ['θɪsl], **nestle** ['nɛsl], **jostle** ['dʒɔsl], **hustle** ['hʌsl], **soften** ['sɔfn], **often** ['ɔfn], **listen** ['lɪsn], **fasten** ['fæsn], **chasten** ['tʃeɪsn], **moisten** ['mɔɪsn], **chestnut** ['tʃɛs'nʌt]. In connected discourse, the combination **stn** appears in **must not**, which is commonly pronounced ['mʌsnt], except in precise speech where the

words are consciously held apart. In **often** there is some tendency to restore the **t** in pronunciation, through the influence of spelling. But ['ɔfn] is still the prevailing form. In rapid colloquial speech the combination **let us** frequently becomes [lɛs], e.g., **Let us go and see** [lɛs goː n siː].

341. For the orthographic combinations **nch**, **lch**, a pronunciation [ntʃ], [ltʃ] is generally current, though less frequently one also hears [nʃ], [lʃ], as in **pinch** [pɪntʃ] or [pɪnʃ], **bench** [bɛntʃ] or [bɛnʃ], **launch** [lɔːntʃ] or [lɔːnʃ], **filch** [fɪltʃ] or [fɪlʃ], **belch** [bɛltʃ] or [bɛlʃ], **gulch** [gʌltʃ] or [gʌlʃ]. For **Welsh** the spelling usually preserves a pronunciation [wɛlʃ], but in the verb and noun probably derived from this word, meaning to slide from under one's obligations, both spellings occur, **welch**, **welcher** and **welsh**, **welsher**, and a corresponding variation in pronunciation. In American usage the pronunciation of all these words with [ntʃ], [ltʃ] is to be preferred. See § 246. For the combination **ns**, the pronunciation in America is usually [nts], as in **dense** [dɛnts], not distinguishable from **dents**, **mince** [mɪnts], not distinguishable from **mints**, etc. But some speakers say [dɛns], [mɪns] for **dense**, **mince**, etc.

342. A [t] is often omitted in the popular dialects after [p], as in [slɛp], [kɛp], [krɛp] for **slept** [slɛpt], **kept** [kɛpt], **crept** [krɛpt].

343. A [t] is sometimes added in popular speech after [s] in words where it does not appear in standard speech, as in [wʌnst], [twaɪst] for **once**, **twice**, [wɪʃt] for **wish**, [ə'krɔst] for **across**, [kloːst] for **close**. So also [ə'tækt] for **attack** [ə'tæk]. On the other hand, [t] is frequently

omitted after [s] in popular speech, as in [dʒʌs], [rɪs], [hoɪs], [nɛks] for **just** [dʒʌst], **wrist** [rɪst], **host** [hoɪst], **next** [nɛkst], etc. In **waistcoat**, **Westcott**, the final consonant of the first syllable is usually silent, both words being pronounced ['wɛskət]. But **waistcoat** is rarely used in America, the common word being **vest**. In **locust** few cultivated speakers would acknowledge omitting the final consonant, yet in current speech it is doubtful if one ever hears it.

344. In the combination [kt], [t] is sometimes omitted in the popular dialects, **insect** ['ɪnsɛkt], **contact** ['kɑntækt], **perfect** ['pəɹfɪkt], **aqueduct** ['ækwɪ'dʌkt], becoming ['ɪnsɛk], ['kɑntæk], ['pəɹfɪk], ['ækwɪ'dʌk], etc.

345. For **partner** ['pɑːɹtnəɹ], popular speech often has ['pɑːɹdnəɹ].

346. In **asked** [aɪskt], [æskt], many speakers pronounce no [t], saying [æsk], especially when the next word begins with a consonant; or some speakers omit [k], lengthening the preceding consonant, as in [æsːt]. In no case, not even in the most formal or careful speech, are both a fully articulated [k] and [t] pronounced. What happens in cultivated speech is that after [s] the tongue position for [k] is assumed, but is held without explosion until the position for [t] has been reached. There is thus only one genuine stop consonant in **asked**. Other words of this type, like **basked**, **masked**, etc., are not in familiar use and are consequently likely to be pronounced with emphasis on the orthographic elements of the words. See § 15.

In a combination like **next time**, usually only one **t** is pronounced, as in [nɛks taɪm]; in **next station** both **s** and **t** of **next** are usually silent in cultivated colloquial speech,

as in [neɪk 'steɪʃən]. And as a matter of fact, even the [k] is often not fully articulated; the stoppage for [k] is assumed, but the explosion is not completed.

In the spelling **eighth**, the **th** stands for **tth**, though the explosion for the **t** is not completely made. The **gh** being silent, the phonetic form of the word is approximately [eɪtθ].

[θ]

347. The spelling for this sound is always **th**, but this spelling stands for both [θ] and [ð], see §§ 30, 31.

Examples of [θ] are **path** [paɪθ], [pæθ], **thin** [θɪn], **faith** [feɪθ], **both** [boɪθ], **month** [mʌnθ], **froth** [frɔθ], **frothy** ['frɔθɪ], **myth** [mɪθ], **mythology** [mɪ'θɑlədʒɪ].

348. A **th** of the spelling is pronounced [t] in **thyme** [taɪm], **Thomas** ['tɑməs], ['təməs], **Thompson** ['tɑmpsən], ['təmpsən]. For **isthmus** only ['ɪsθməs] is current in America, but in England both ['ɪsθməs] and ['ɪstməs]. In rapid speech the word may become ['ɪsməs]. For **Esther** the common pronunciation is ['ɛstəɹ], but occasionally also ['ɛsθəɹ]. The **Thames**, a river in England and in Connecticut, is always [tɛmz]. The proper name **Anthony** is usually ['ænθənɪ], sometimes ['æntənɪ], though when pronounced in the latter way, it is usually made to conform in spelling.

349. In the combination [fθ], [sθ], popular speech often has [t] for [θ], as in [fɪft] for **fifth** [fɪfθ] or [fɪftθ], [sɪkst] for **sixth** [sɪksθ] or [sɪkstθ]. In **months** popular speech often omits [θ], pronouncing the word [mʌns].

350. For standard **height** [haɪt], popular usage also has [haɪtθ], parallel to **width**, **breadth**, **length**.

[ð]

351. This sound is the voiced equivalent of [θ] and is spelled **th.** In the earlier stages of the language [ð] occurred only between vowels or between a voiced consonant and a vowel. In relatively unstressed position, however, voiceless continuants tend to become voiced, [θ] becoming [ð], and many words like **this** [ðɪs], **that** [ðæt], **they** [ðeɪ], **thou** [ðaʊ], **then** [ðɛn],[3] **than** [ðæn], **though** [ðoʊ], **with** [wɪð], which are only slightly stressed in the word groups in which they occur, have now [ð] instead of earlier [θ]. Analogy and the loss of vowels in unstressed syllables also obscure the old rule, so that now [ð] appears not only between vowels, but also finally in words like **bathe** [beːð], **breathe** [briːð], **lathe** [leːð], **clothe** [kloːð], **sheathe** [ʃiːð], **wreathe** [riːð], and many others.

352. Singular nouns with final [θ] may change to [ð] in the plural, as in **path** [pæθ], **paths** [pæðz], **bath** [bæθ], **baths** [bæðz], **moth** [mɔθ], **moths** [mɔðz]; but the analogy of the singular may maintain [θ] in the plural, as in **Goth** [gɔθ], **Goths** [gɔθs], **breath** [brɛθ], **breaths** [brɛθs], **death** [dɛθ], **deaths** [dɛθs]. A plural **moths** [mɔθs] is recorded in the dictionaries, but the only form the writer has ever heard is [mɔðz].

353. For **rhythm** both [rɪðm] and [rɪθm] occur, the former being much the more common. The same diversity of use appears in derivatives, as in **rhythmic, rhythmical,** but some speakers who pronounce [rɪðm] in the simple word, say ['rɪθmɪk], ['rɪθmɪkl] in the derivatives, the reason being that in the derivatives the consonant stands at the end of a syllable, not between two voiced sounds, as in [rɪðm].

354. For **asthma** the current formal pronunciation is ['æzðmə], though often also ['æzmə]. The British pronunciation is ['æsθmə], ['æsmə] or ['æstmə].

355. Before [z], in popular speech [ð] is often omitted, as in **clothes** [kloːðz] pronounced [kloːz], **oaths** [oːðz] pronounced [oːz], etc.

356. In the popular dialects [θ], [ð] sometimes completely disappear, being replaced by [t] and [d], as in **think** pronounced [tɪŋk], **that** pronounced [dæt], **with** pronounced [wɪt] or [wɪd].

[f]

357. The representation of [f] in the ordinary spelling is **f**, **ff**, **gh** or **ph**, as in **find** [faɪnd], **stiff** [stɪf], **sniffed** [snɪft], **rough** [rʌf], **cough** [kɔːf], **Brough** [brʌf], **laugh** [laːf], [læf], **nephew** ['nɛfju], **philosophy** [fɪl'ɔsəfɪ], **sylph** [sɪlf]. For **lieutenant** [lu'tɛnənt] the pronunciation [lɛf-'tɛnənt], [lɪf–], is sometimes heard, but it is not general with any group of American speakers. It is common in England. For **nephew** both ['nɛfju] and ['nɛvju] occur, though the former is the more general pronunciation. For **hiccough** the only pronunciation is ['hɪkəp]. For the history of this word, see the New English Dictionary.

358. In the connected discourse of colloquial usage, a final [v] is sometimes assimilated to a succeeding voiceless consonant, becoming [f], as in **I have to go** [ə 'hæf tə 'goʊ]. But what might be permissible in this phrase, is not permissible generally, e.g., one cannot say **I'd love to go** [aɪd 'lʌf tə 'goʊ].

359. In the combination **phth** the pronunciation [f] for **ph** is sometimes replaced by [p], as in **diphthong** ['dɪfθɔŋ]

or [ˈdɪpθɔŋ], **diphtheria** [dɪfˈθɪrɪə] or [dɪpˈθɪrɪə], **naphtha** [ˈnæfθə] or [ˈnæpθə]. The pronunciation with [f] is perhaps to be preferred, though usage is far from being uniform. See § 299. For **phthisic** the accepted pronunciation is [ˈtɪzɪk], but **phthisis** is said to be pronounced [ˈθaɪsɪs]. Neither word is in common use.

[v]

360. This sound is the voiced equivalent of [f], and is commonly represented by **v**, as in **live** [lɪv] (*verb*), [laɪv] (*adj.*), **vivid** [ˈvɪvɪd], **shoved** [ʃʌvd], **dived** [daɪvd]. In **nephew** [ˈnɛvju] and **Stephen** [ˈstiːvən] it is spelled **ph.**

361. When [f] of a main form becomes voiced in an inflectional form, the spelling always changes to **v**, as in **wife** [waɪf], **wives** [waɪvz], **loaf** [loːf], **loaves** [loːvz], etc., but **wife's** [waɪfs], **griefs** [griːfs], **laughs** [laːfs], [læfs], third singular present of the verb, or plural of the noun, where the consonant remains unchanged.

Some plurals have both a form with [f] and one with [v], as in **hoof** [huːf], **hoofs** [huːfs] or **hooves** [huːvz]; **scarf** [skɑːɹf], **scarfs** [skɑːɹfs] or **scarves** [skɑːɹvz]. The plural of **staff** is **staffs**, except as a technical term in music, where it is **staves** [steɪvz].

362. In archaic and poetic style an intervocalic [v] is sometimes omitted, the omission being indicated by the apostrophe, as in **e'er** [ɛɪəɹ] for **ever**, **o'er** [ɔɪəɹ] for **over**, etc.

363. The preposition **of** usually stands in unstressed position and is pronounced [əv], or in rapid speech [ə], as in **five o'clock** [faɪv ə klɑk], **time of day** [taɪm ə deɪ], **man of war** [mæn ə wɔːɹ].

364. Final [v] in **give** is sometimes omitted before [m] in colloquial speech, **give me** ['gɪv mɪ] becoming ['gɪ mɪ]. This is spelled in dialect orthography as *gimme*, and though by no means limited to illiterate or dialect use, under the influence of the printed and written language it is coming to be more and more discredited. Cf. **let me** pronounced ['lɛmɪ], and see above, § 100.

[w]

365. The spelling of this sound is commonly **w**, as in **win** [wɪn], **swing** [swɪŋ], **twig** [twɪg], **between** [bɪ'twiːn], or **u**, as in **languid** ['læŋgwɪd], **language** [læŋ'gwɪdʒ], **persuade** [pəɹ'sweɪd], and **u** after **q**, as in **quire** ['kwaɪəɹ], **question** ['kwɛstʃən], **quack** [kwæk], **conquest** ['kɑnkwɛst] or ['kɑŋkwɛst].

366. The spelling **gu** represents usually [g], as in **guard** [gɑɪɹd], **guest** [gɛst], **guide** [gaɪd], **guess** [gɛs], **guile** [gaɪl], etc., but in a few words of foreign origin, as in **guano** ['gwɑːno], **guava** ['gwɑːvə], and in **Guelph** [gwɛlf], the **u** is pronounced.

367. The sound [w] appears in **one** [wʌn], **once** [wʌns], in pronunciaton but not in spelling. The verb **won** and **one** are exact homonyms. A **w** appears in the spelling of **two** [tuɪ], **sword** [sɔɪɹd], but not in pronunciation. Before **r** a silent **w** is frequently written, as in **wring** [rɪŋ], **write** [wraɪt], **wrap** [ræp], **wrist** [rɪst], etc. For **choir** the pronunciation is the same as for **quire**, that is ['kwaɪəɹ].

368. In a few words of French origin the ending **–oir** is pronounced [–wɑɹ] or [–wɔɹ], as in **memoir** ['mɛmwɑɹ], ['mɛmwɔɹ], **reservoir** ['rɛzəɹ'vwɑɹ], ['rɛzəɹ'vwɔɹ]; but **reservoir** is also often pronounced without [w], as ['rɛzəɹ'vɔɪəɹ].

369. An initial **w** of an unstressed syllable following a stressed one sometimes weakens and disappears, as regularly in **answer** ['ænsəɹ], and in the combination **qu** in **chequer** ['tʃɛkəɹ], **conquer** ['kaŋkəɹ], **liquor** ['lɪkəɹ]. In compositional syllables, like **–ward, –worth, –wich, –wick,** which have a secondary stress in American speech, **w** is generally pronounced when written; but in **toward, towards** [təːɹd], [təːɹdz] the words are monosyllables without [w]. Thus in proper names, as in **Woodward, Woolworth, Woolwich** (Maine), **Norwich, Greenwich,** etc., [w] is pronounced, except that one may occasionally hear ['griːmɪtʃ], ['grɪmɪtʃ], as a literary or acquired pronunciation. In the town in Connecticut of that name, the local pronunciation is ['griːm'wɪtʃ].

370. A **w** frequently appears in spelling, at the ends of words, which has no consonantal value but is merely an orthographic survival from an earlier [w] which became vocalic and which would thus be more accurately represented by **u**. Conventional spelling, however, rarely permits **u** to stand at the end of a word, exceptions being **thou** [ðaʊ], and a few foreign words like **gnu** [nuː], **zebu** ['ziː'buˑ]. A vocalized **w** stands in the spelling of **draw** [drɔː], **know** [noʊ], **sow** [soʊ], [saʊ], **few** [fjuː], **grew** [gruː], **now** [naʊ], etc. The spelling with **w** persists in derivative forms, but is silent there also, as in **drawing** ['drɔːɪŋ], **sower** ['soɪəɹ], **fewer** ['fjuːəɹ].

371. A **w** with no consonantal value appears occasionally in spelling before consonants, as in **bawl** [bɔːl], **yawl** [jɔːl], **hawk** [hɔːk], **bowl** [boːl], **howl** [haʊl], **brown** [braʊn], **drowse** [draʊz], **newt** [njuːt], **mewl** [mjuːl], or before a weak syllable with [ɹ], [l], [n], as in **power** ['paʊəɹ], **towel** ['taʊəl], **Owen** ['oɪən], **Cowan** ['kaʊən], etc.

[ʍ]

372. This sound is the voiceless equivalent of [w], and in America it is generally pronounced wherever written **wh**, as in **what** [ʍɑt], **which** [ʍɪtʃ], **wheat** [ʍiːt], **whit** [ʍɪt], **white** [ʍaɪt], **whisper** ['ʍɪspəɹ], etc. Some speakers, however, pronounce all these voiceless sounds voiced, as in **whit** [wɪt] not distinguished from **wit**, **white** [waɪt] not distinguished from **wight**. Though not vulgarisms, such pronunciations are usually discountenanced by careful speakers and in formal instruction. In standard British speech of the Southern type **w** and **wh** are generally both pronounced as [w].

373. In **who** and derived forms of **who**, **whole**, the initial consonant is neither [w] nor [ʍ], but [h], as in [huːl], [hoːl]. So also **whoop**, **whooping-cough**, which may be spelled **hoop**, **hooping-cough**, are pronounced [huːp], ['huɪpɪŋ-] or ['hʊpɪŋ'koːf].

EXERCISES

(1) Make a collection of sounds not used in articulate speech (e.g., the sigh, cough, cluck, click, sniff, 'humph,' 'huh,' 'eh,' 'hm,' the sound for calling a cat, for starting horses, etc.), and analyze them phonetically. Record them in phonetic script, inventing symbols when necessary. See §§ 3, 4.

(2) Take a page of any ordinary English prose and make a list in phonetic script of all the words containing (*a*) voiced stops, (*b*) voiceless stops, (*c*) voiced continuants, (*d*) voiceless continuants.

(3) In these words, note what sounds have been affected, and in what way, by their proximity to other sounds. See § 6.

(4) Make a list from the same passage of all words containing fricative continuants, lateral continuants and nasal continuants.

(5) Make lists in phonetic script of all the words on this same page which contain the same vowel sound.

(6) Go through this page and note the instances in which the ordinary spelling is the same or approximately the same as the phonetic transcriptions.

(7) In the same passage, observe where the breaks or pauses come in natural easy reading. Transcribe the passage into these 'breath groups' instead of the usual division into words. See § 100.

A minute study of a single passage, such as is suggested in Exercises 2–7, is better preliminary discipline than the study of scattering texts.

(8) Practice the vowel sounds in sequence, starting with the lowest unround vowel and proceeding to the highest, then the lowest rounded vowel, proceeding to the highest; reverse the process, starting with the high vowels.

(9) Practice such pairs of sounds as [e] and [ɛ], [i] and [ɪ], [u] and [ʊ], [o] and [ɔ], [ʌ] and [ʌɪ], [ɔ] and [ɔɪ], until the distinction between tense and slack sounds is quite clear.

(10) Pronounce the sentences **It was covered with furs, It was covered with firs, It was covered with furze, It was covered with fuzz,** to a hearer, and see if he can tell when you mean **furs, firs, furze, fuzz.** If you do not pronounce these words alike, analyze the organic differences.

As a similar exercise pronounce the sentence **The container was well caulked** and **The container was well corked,** and see if a hearer can tell which word you have in mind. If so, extend the experiment to other persons to see if the words are always audibly distinct.

(11) Make a collection of difficult phrases, like **Peter Piper pickt a peck of pickled peppers, She sells seashells,** etc., and analyze their phonetic character. Make a collection of phrases which are memorable not for their difficulty but for their phonetic 'haunting' quality, agreeable or disagreeable, e.g., **a pink trip slip for a five cent fare; the exhaustless grace of Niagara's emerald curve; the multitudinous seas incarnadine,** etc. Each person's list will naturally be different from any other. Make a list of alliterative phrases, like **bag and baggage, stock and stone, head and heels, time and tide.** Make a list of striking alliterative phrases, such as are often met with in newspaper headlines. An interesting study of consonant sounds can be made on the basis of Lyly's

Euphues, or still better, George Pettie's *Petite Pallace of Pleasure* (1576), in which the resources of the language in sounds are utilized with the utmost ingenuity for the purpose of stylistic ornamentation.

(12) Take a word containing an initial voiceless stop, e.g., **pay**, and practice this stop with and without audible aspiration until the difference becomes clear. See § 13. Then pronounce words containing a voiceless stop between voiced sounds, as in **witty, putty, potato, dainty, bottle, pippin, winter, better, water, stopper**, etc., with weak and with audible aspiration, and note which is the better pronunciation. See § 14.

(13) Analyze fully the phonetic elements of a number of words like **stripped, booked, robbed, drugged.** See § 15.

(14) Repeat pairs of words like **sit** and **sin, pit** and **pin, bid** and **bin, did** and **din**, and then segregate the final consonants in order to study the difference between stop consonants and nasal continuants.

(15) Repeat pairs of words like **sin** and **sing, win** and **wing**, to make clear the difference between [n] and [ŋ].

(16) Repeat groups of words like **sin, sing, sink; win, wing, wink; thin, thing, think**, and then analyze their phonetic elements.

(17) Note the sound of [n] in **fount, found; shunt, shunned; sun, sunset, Sunday, sunbeam.** Is it equally long in all these words? Study in general the length of the continuant consonants in different combinations.

(18) Note the length of the vowel in **led, let; bed, bet; said, set; sad, sat; hod, hot**, etc. Though these are all short vowels, are they all equally short? Cf. § 80.

(19) Examine all the occurrences of [z] on a page of ordinary prose, and note in what instances the sound ends in a voiceless vanish. See § 36.

(20) Study the difference in the sound of [ŋ] in **sing** and **song**, and collect other words illustrating the same difference.

(21) Study the sound of [k] in **keel** and **call**, of [g] in **geese** and **gall**, of [h] in **heel** and **haul**, and add other illustrations of the same variation in the quality of the consonant.

(22) Imitate the speech of one who has a cold in the head, and indicate its phonetic character in transcription.

(23) Take a passage of ordinary colloquial prose and pronounce the vowels as nasally as you can, that is, caricature it. Then pronounce the vowels with as little nasalization as possible. Does your own speech fall between these two extremes?

(24) Observe in the speech of those with whom you come in contact, any manner of speech which might be characterized as 'drawling,' and describe its phonetic character.

(25) Some of the vague descriptive adjectives which are occasionally applied to speech or to special sounds are 'broad,' 'rough,' 'flat,' 'liquid,' 'thin,' 'mushy,' 'muddy,' 'crisp,' 'sharp.' Add others to this list, and endeavor to determine what is meant by them in terms of the organic analysis of speech.

(26) Make a collection of those speech characteristics which in your estimation are evidences (*a*) of special refinement or distinction in speech, (*b*) of 'common' or unrefined speech. Try to determine how generally your judgments would be acceptable to others.

(27) Examine the pronunciation of **r** in the speech of as many different persons as possible, and note how many types of **r**-sound are distinguishable within the range of your observation.

(28) Start a list of words which may be stressed in two or more different ways.

(29) Transcribe in phonetic notation (*a*) first your own speech in detached phrases as you can hear yourself pronounce them, (*b*) your own speech in connected conversation, (*c*) your own speech as you hear it in reading aloud.

(30) Transcribe in phonetic notation the speech of some other person or persons than yourself. For this purpose, choose one or two individuals whose speech you have the best opportunity of studying, and preferably whose speech impresses you as being ordinarily somewhat different from your own. Proceed very slowly at first, transcribing only phrases which you are sure you have heard correctly.

(31) Take a passage of English prose and transcribe it first into very formal literary style, then into ordinary reading style, and then into very familiar colloquial style.

(32) If your own speech is of the Eastern American type, transcribe a passage illustrating it into Western American speech, etc.

(33) Transcribe the passages of dialect speech given in this volume into informal standard speech.

(34) Make a transcription of some dialect speech with which you are orally familiar. Indicate the elements in this pronunciation which are really dialectal and those which are merely standard colloquial.

(35) Transcribe the passages of British pronunciation given in this volume into standard American pronunciation.

These exercises are not systematically arranged, and are not intended to be exhaustive either of the topics

discussed in this book or of the points of interest which may engage the attention of the student of phonetics. They are merely suggestive, and the number of them will readily be increased in the practical work of the classroom.

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TRANSCRIPTIONS

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'deɪ-'driːmz

æz aɪ wəz stɛpɪŋ ə'ʃɔːɪɹ, aɪ wəz 'griːtɪd baɪ 'mɪstəɹ bəɹn, hu 'pæsɪz ðə 'sʌməɹ ɔn ðɪ 'aɪlənd, nd hu 'haspɪtəblɪ æskt ɪf aɪ wəɹ 'goːɪŋ hɪz weɪ. hɪz weɪ wəz təːɪd ðə 'sʌðəɹn ɛnd əv ðɪ 'aɪlənd, nd aɪ sɛd jɛs. hɪz 'pʊkɪts wəɹ ful əv 'peːpəɹz nd hɪz braʊ əv 'rɪŋklz; so ʍɛn wɪ riːtʃt ðə pɔɪnt ʍɛɹ hiː ʃʊd təɹn ɔːf, aɪ æskt ɪm tə lɛt mɪ ə'laɪt, ɔl'ðoː hi wəz 'vɛrɪ 'æŋkʃəs tə 'kærɪ mi ʍɛr'ɛvəɹ aɪ wəz 'goːɪŋ.

"aɪm 'oːmlɪ 'stroːlɪŋ ə'baʊt," aɪ 'ænsəɹd, æz aɪ 'klæmbəɹd 'kɛɪfəlɪ aʊt əv ðə 'wægn.

"'stroːlɪŋ ə'baʊt?" æskt hiː, ɪn ə bɪ'wɪldəɹd 'mænəɹ; "du 'piːpl stroːl ə'baʊt, 'naʊ-ə-'deɪz?"

"səm'taɪmz," aɪ 'ænsəɹd, 'smaɪlɪŋ, æz aɪ pʊld maɪ 'traʊzəɹz daʊn 'ovəɹ maɪ buːts, fəɹ ðe· hæd drægd ʌp, æz aɪ stɛpt aʊt əv ðə 'wægn, "nd bɪ'saɪd, ʍat kn n oːld 'bu'kiːpəɹ du 'bɛtəɹ ɪn ðə dʌl 'siːzn ðən stroːl ə'baʊt ðɪs 'plɛznt 'aɪlənd, n wətʃ ðə ʃɪps æt siː?"

bəɹn lʊkt æt mi wɪð hɪz 'wɪərɪ aɪz. "aɪd gɪv faɪv 'ðaʊzənd 'dalərz ə 'jɪəɹ fəɹ ə dʌl 'siːzən," sɛd hiː, "bət æz fəɹ 'stroːlɪŋ, aɪv fəɹ'gatn haʊ."

æz hi spoːk, hɪz aɪz 'wɔndəɹd 'driːmɪlɪ ə'krɔs ðə fiːldz nd wʊdz, nd wəɹ 'fæsnd ə'pɔn ðə 'dɪstənt seɪlz.

"ɪt ɪz 'plɛznt," hi sɛd 'mjuzɪŋlɪ, ænd fɛl 'ɪntu 'saɪ-
lənz. bət aɪ həd no taɪm tə spɛɪɹ, so aɪ wɪʃt ɪm 'gʊd-
'æftəɹ'nuɪm.

"aɪ hoɪp jəɹ waɪf s wɛl," sɛd bəɪm tə mɪ, æz aɪ
təɪnd ə'weɪ. 'pʊəɹ bəɪm! hi droɪv ɔn ə'loɪm ɪn hɪz
'wægn.

bət aɪ me·d heɪst tə ðə moɪst 'sɑlɪ'tɛrɪ pɔɪnt əpɔn
ðə 'sʌðəɪn ʃɔɪɹ, ænd ðɛɪɹ sæt, glæd tə bi so 'nɪəɹ ðə
siɪ. ðɛɹ wəz ðæt wɔɪɹm, 'sɪmpə'θɛtɪk 'saɪlənz ɪn ðɪ
ɛɪɹ, ðət gɪvz tə 'ɪndɪn-'sʌməɹ deɪz 'ə'mo·st ə 'hju-
mən 'tɛndəɪnəs əv 'fiːlɪŋ. ə 'dɛlɪkɪt heɪz, ðət siɪmd
'oɪnlɪ ðə 'kaɪndlɪ ɛɪɹ me·d 'vɪzɪbl, hʌŋ ovəɹ ðə siɪ.
ðə 'wətəɹ læpt 'læŋgwɪdlɪ ə'mʌŋ ðə roks, ænd ðə
'vəɪsəz əv 'tʃɪldrən ɪn ə boɪt bɪ'jɔnd, ræŋ 'mjuzɪkəlɪ,
ænd 'grædʒuəlɪ rɪ'siɪdɪd, ən'tɪl ðe· wəɹ lɔst ɪn ðə
'dɪstəns.

ɪt wəz sʌm taɪm bɪ'foɪɹ aɪ wəz ə'weɪɹ əv ðɪ 'aʊt-
'laɪn əv ə laɪɹdʒ ʃɪp, drəɪm 'veɪglɪ ə'pɔn ðə mɪst, ʌɪtʃ
aɪ sə'poɪzd, æt fəɹst, tə bi 'oɪnlɪ ə kaɪnd əv mɪ'raɪʒ.
bət ðə məɪɹ 'stɛd'fæstlɪ aɪ geɪzd, ðə məɪr dɪs'tɪŋkt ɪt
bɪ'keɪm, ænd aɪ kʊd no 'lɔŋgəɹ daʊt ðæt aɪ səɪ ə
'steɪtlɪ ʃɪp 'laɪŋ æt 'æŋkəɹ, nat məɪɹ ðən hæf ə maɪl
frəm ðə lænd.

"ɪts n ɪk'strəɪdɪ'nerɪ pleɪs tə 'æŋkəɹ," aɪ sɛd tə
'maɪ'sɛlf, "ɔɪ kæn ʃi bi ə'ʃɔɪɹ?"

ðɛɹ wəɹ no saɪnz əv dɪs'trɛs; ðə seɪlz wəɹ 'kɛɪɹfəlɪ
kluɪd ʌp, ænd ðɛɹ wəɹ no 'seɪləɹz ɪn ðə taps, nɔɪ
ə'pɔn ðə ʃraʊdz. ə flæg, əv ʌɪtʃ aɪ kʊd nat siː ðə
dɪ'vaɪs ɔɪ 'neɪʃən, hʌŋ 'hɛvɪlɪ æt ðə stəɪn, ænd lukt
æz ɪf ɪt hæd 'foɪln ə'sliɪp. maɪ 'kjʊrɪ'ɑsɪtɪ bɪ'gæn tə
bi 'sɪŋgjuləɹlɪ ɪk'saɪtɪd. ðə foɪɹm əv ðə 'vesl siɪmd
nat tə bi 'pəɹmənənt; bət wɪð'ɪn ə 'kwɔɹtəɹ əv ən
'aʊəɹ, aɪ wəz 'ʃʊəɹ ðæt aɪ hæd siɪn hæf ə 'dʌzn 'dɪf-

rənt ʃɪps. æz aɪ geɪzd, aɪ sɔː no məʊ seɪlz nɔɪ mæsts, bət ə lɔŋ reɪndʒ əv ˈɔɪəɹz, ˈflæʃɪŋ laɪk ə ˈgoːldn frɪndʒ, ɔɪ streɪt nd stɪf, laɪk ðə lɛgz əv ə ˈsiː-ˈmɔnstəɹ.

"ɪts sʌm ˈbloːtɪd kræb, əɪ ˈlʊbstəɹ, ˈmægnɪˈfaɪd baɪ ðə mɪst," aɪ sɛd tə maɪˈsɛlf, kəmˈpleˑsəntlɪ.

bʌt, æt ðə seɪm ˈmoɪmənt, ðɛɹ wəz ə ˈkʊnsɛnˈtreˑtɪd ˈflæʃɪŋ nd ˈbleɪzɪŋ ɪn wʌn spʊt əˈmʌŋ ðə ˈrɪgɪŋ, ænd ɪt wɑz æz ɪf aɪ sɔː ə bɪˈætɪfaɪd ræm, ɔɪ, məʊ ˈtruːlɪ, ə ˈʃiːp-ˈskɪn, ˈsplɛndɪd æz ðə hɛɪ əv ˈbɛɹəˈnaɪsɪ.

"ɪz ðæt ðə ˈgoːldn fliːs?" aɪ θɔɪt. "bət ˈʃʊəɹlɪ, ˈdʒɛɪsən nd ðɪ ˈɑɪɹgəˈnɔɪts hæv gɔɪn hoɪm lɔŋ sɪns. du ˈpiːpl goː ɔn ˈgoːld-ˈfliːsɪŋ ɛkspɪˈdɪʃənz nɑʊ?" aɪ æskt maɪˈsɛlf, ɪn pəɹˈplɛksɪtɪ. "kæn ðɪs bi ə kælɪˈfɔɹnjə ˈstiːməɹ?"

hɑʊ kʊd aɪ hæv θɔɪt ɪt ə ˈstiːməɹ? dɪd aɪ nɑt siː ðoːz seɪlz, "θɪn ənd ˈsɪəɹ"? dɪd aɪ nɑt fiːl ðə ˈmɛlənˈkalɪ əv ðæt ˈsalɪˈtɛrɪ bɑɪɹk? ɪt hæd ə ˈmɪstɪk ˈɔɪɹə; ə ˈbɔrɪəl ˈbrɪljənsɪ ˈʃɪməɹd ɪn ɪts weɪk, fɔɹ ɪt wəz ˈdrɪftɪŋ ˈsiːwəɹd. ə streɪndz ˈfɪəɹ ˈkəɹdld əˈlɔŋ maɪ veɪnz. ðæt ˈsʌməɹ sʌn ʃoːn kuːl. ðə ˈwɪərɪ ˈbætəɹd ʃɪp wəz gæʃt, æz ɪf nɔɪd baɪ aɪs. ðɛɹ wəz ˈtɛrəɹ ɪn ðə ɛɪɹ, æz ə "ˈskɪnɪ hænd so brɑʊn" weɪvd tʊ mi frəm ðə dɛk. aɪ leɪ æz wʌn bɪˈwɪtʃt. ðə hænd əv ðɪ ˈeɪntʃənt ˈmærɪnəɹ siːmd tə bi ˈriːtʃɪŋ fɔɹ mi, laɪk ðə hænd əv dɛθ.

dɛθ? ʍaɪ, æz aɪ wəz ˈɪnlɪ ˈpreːɪŋ pruːz fəɹˈgɪvnəs fɔɹ maɪ ˈsalɪˈtɛrɪ ˈræmbl nd ˈkʊnsɪˈkwent dɪˈmaɪz, ə glæns laɪk ðə ˈfʊlnəs əv ˈsʌməɹ ˈsplɛndəɹ gʌʃt ovəɹ mi; ðɪ ˈoɪdəɹ əv ˈflɑʊəɹz ənd əv ˈiːstəɪn gʌmz meˑd ɔɪl ðɪ ˈætməsˈfɪəɹ. aɪ briːðd ðɪ ˈɔrɪˈent, ənd leɪ drʌŋk wɪð baɪm, ʍaɪl ðæt streɪndz ʃɪp, ə ˈgoːldn ˈgælɪ nɑʊ, wɪð ˈglɪtərɪŋ ˈdreːpeˈriz fɛsˈtuɪnd wɪð ˈflɑʊəɹz, peɪst tʊ ðə ˈmɛʒəɹd biːt əv ˈɔɪəɹz əˈlɔŋ ðə

kaɪm, ənd ˈklɪəˈpeɪtrə smaɪld əˈluːrɪŋlɪ fraɱ ðə greˑt ˈpædʒənts haɪɹt.

waz ðɪs ə baɪɹdʒ fɔɹ ˈsʌməɹ ˈwɔtəɹz, ðɪs pɪˈkjuljəɹ ʃɪp aɪ sɔː? ɪt hæd ə ˈrɹmd ˈdɪgnɪtɪ, ə ˈkʌmbrəs ˈgrændʒəɹ, əlˈðoː ɪts mæsts wəɹ ˈʃætəɹd, nd ɪts seɪlz rent. ɪt hʌŋ ˈpritəɹˈnætʃərɪlɪ stɪl əˈpɔn ðə siː, æz ɪf təɹˈmɛntɪd nd ɪgˈzɔɪstɪd baɪ loŋ ˈdraɪvɪŋ nd ˈdrɪftɪŋ. aɪ sɔː no ˈseːləɹz, bət ə greˑt ˈspænɪʃ ˈɛnsaɪm ˈfloːɪtɪd ˈovəɹ, ænd weɪvd, ə fjuˈnɪrɪəl pluːm. aɪ njuː ɪt ðɛn. ðɪ ɑːˈmaɪdə wəz loŋ sɪns ˈskætəɹd; bət ˈfloːɪtɪŋ faɪɹ

ən ˈdɛsoˈleˑt ˈreːmɪ siːz,

lɔst fɔr ˈsɛntʃuˈriz, ənd əˈgɛn rɪˈstɔɹd tʊ saɪt, ˈhɪəɹ leɪ wʌn əv ðə ˈfeːɪtɪd ʃɪps əv speɪn. ðə hjudʒ ˈgælɪjən siːmd tə fɪl ɔːl ðɪ ɛɪɹ, bɪlt ʌp əˈgɛnst ðə skaɪ, laɪk ðə ˈgɪldɪd ʃɪps əv kləɪd loˈreɪm əˈgɛnst ðə ˈsʌnˈset.

bət ɪt fled, fɔɹ naʊ ə blæk flæg ˈflʌtəɹd æt ðə ˈmæstˈhed — ə loŋ loʊ ˈvɛsl ˈdaːɹtɪd ˈswɪftlɪ ᴍɛɪɹ ðə væst ʃɪp leɪ; ðɛɹ keˑm ə ʃrɪl ˈpaɪpɪŋ ˈᴍɪsl, ðə klæʃ əv ˈkʌtlɪsəz, fɪəɹs ˈrɪŋɪŋ oʊðz, ʃɑɹp ˈpɪstəl kræks, ðə ˈθʌndəɹ əv kəˈmænd, ənd ˈovəɹ ɔːl ðə ˈgʌstɪ jɛl əv ə dɪˈmoˑnɪæk ˈkɔrəs,

maɪ neɪm wəz rabəɹt kɪd, ᴍɛn aɪ seɪld.

— ðɛɹ wəɹ no klaʊdz ˈlɔŋgəɹ, bət ˈʌndəɹ ə sɪˈrɪːn skaɪ aɪ sɔː ə baɪɹk ˈᴍʌvɪŋ wɪð ˈfɛstəl pɔmp, θrɔŋd wɪð greɪv ˈsɛnəˈtɔɹz ɪn ˈfloːɪŋ roːbz, ənd wʌn wɪð ˈdjukəl ˈbanɪt ɪn ðə mɪdst, ˈhoːldɪŋ ə rɪŋ. ðə smuːð baɪɹk swæm əˈpɔn ə siː laɪk ðæt əv ˈsʌðəɹn ˈlætɪˈtjudz. aɪ sɔː ðə ˈbutʃenˈtɔɹo ənd ðə ˈnʌptʃəlz əv ˈvɛnɪs ənd ðɪ ˈeˑdrɪˈætɪk.

huː wəɹ ðoːɪz ˈkʌmɪŋ ˈovəɹ ðə saɪd? huː ˈkraʊdɪd ðə boːɪts, ənd spræŋ ˈɪntʊ ðə ˈwɔtəɹ, mɛn ɪn oːld ˈspænɪʃ ˈaɪɹməɹ, wɪð pluːmz nd sɔːɹdz, ənd ˈbɛɪrɪŋ ə

glɪtərɪŋ krɔs? huː wəz hiː ˈstændɪŋ əˈpɔn ðə dɛk wɪð ˈfoːldɪd ɑːmz ænd ˈgeɪzɪŋ tɔːdz ðə ʃɔːɹ, æz ˈlʌvəɹz ɔn ðɛɹ ˈmɪstrɪsəz ænd ˈmɑːɹtɪɹz əˈpɔn ˈhɛvn? ˈovəɹ
125 ʍɑt ˈdɪstænt ænd tuˈmʌltʃuəs siːz hæd ðɪs smɔːl kræft ɪˈske·pt frɑm ˈʌðəɹ ˈsɛntʃuriz ænd ˈdɪstænt ʃɔːɹz? ʍɑt saʊndz əv ˈfɔrɪn hɪmz, fəɹˈgɑtn naʊ, wəɹ ðiːz, ænd ʍɑt soˈlɛmnɪtɪ əv ˈdi·bɑɹˈkeːʃən? wɑz ðɪs greɪv fɔːɹm koˈlʌmbəs?

Day-dreams

As I was stepping ashore, I was greeted by Mr. Bourne, who passes the summer on the island, and who hospitably asked if I were going his way. His way was toward the southern end of the island, and I said yes. His pockets were full of papers and his brow of wrinkles; so when we reached the point where he should turn off, I asked him to let me alight, although he was very anxious to carry me wherever I was going.

"I am only strolling about," I answered, as I clambered carefully out of the wagon.

"Strolling about?" asked he, in a bewildered manner; "do people stroll about, now-a-days?"

"Sometimes," I answered, smiling, as I pulled my trousers down over my boots, for they had dragged up, as I stepped out of the wagon, "and beside, what can an old bookkeeper do better in the dull season than stroll about this pleasant island, and watch the ships at sea?"

Bourne looked at me with his weary eyes.

"I'd give five thousand dollars a year for a dull season," said he, "but as for strolling, I've forgotten how."

As he spoke, his eyes wandered dreamily across the fields and woods, and were fastened upon the distant sails.

"It is pleasant," he said musingly, and fell into silence. But I had no time to spare, so I wished him good-afternoon.

"I hope your wife is well," said Bourne to me, as I turned away. Poor Bourne! He drove on alone in his wagon.

But I made haste to the most solitary point upon the southern shore, and there sat, glad to be so near the sea. There was that warm, sympathetic silence in the air, that gives to Indian-summer days almost a human tenderness of feeling. A delicate haze, that seemed only the kindly air made visible, hung over the sea. The water lapped languidly among the rocks, and the voices of children in a boat beyond, rang musically, and gradually receded, until they were lost in the distance.

It was some time before I was aware of the outline of a large ship, drawn vaguely upon the mist, which I supposed, at first, to be only a kind of mirage. But the more steadfastly I gazed, the more distinct it became, and I could no longer doubt that I saw a stately ship lying at anchor, not more than half a mile from the land.

"It is an extraordinary place to anchor," I said to myself, "or can she be ashore?"

There were no signs of distress; the sails were carefully clewed up, and there were no sailors in the tops, nor upon the shrouds. A flag, of which I could not see the device or the nation, hung heavily at the stern, and looked as if it had fallen asleep. My curi-

osity began to be singularly excited. The form of the vessel seemed not to be permanent; but within a quarter of an hour, I was sure that I had seen half a dozen different ships. As I gazed, I saw no more sails nor masts, but a long range of oars, flashing like a golden fringe, or straight and stiff, like the legs of a sea-monster.

"It is some bloated crab, or lobster, magnified by the mist," I said to myself, complacently.

But, at the same moment, there was a concentrated flashing and blazing in one spot among the rigging, and it was as if I saw a beatified ram, or, more truly, a sheep-skin, splendid as the hair of Berenice.

"Is that the golden fleece?" I thought. "But, surely, Jason and the Argonauts have gone home long since. Do people go on gold-fleecing expeditions now?" I asked myself, in perplexity. "Can this be a California steamer?"

How could I have thought it a steamer? Did I not see those sails, "thin and sere"? Did I not feel the melancholy of that solitary bark? It had a mystic aura; a boreal brilliancy shimmered in its wake, for it was drifting seaward. A strange fear curdled along my veins. That summer sun shone cool. The weary, battered ship was gashed, as if gnawed by ice. There was terror in the air, as a "skinny hand so brown" waved to me from the deck. I lay as one bewitched. The hand of the ancient mariner seemed to be reaching for me, like the hand of death.

Death? Why, as I was inly praying Prue's forgiveness for my solitary ramble and consequent de-

mise, a glance like the fulness of summer splendor gushed over me; the odor of flowers and of eastern gums made all the atmosphere. I breathed the orient, and lay drunk with balm, while that strange ship, a golden galley now, with glittering draperies festooned with flowers, paced to the measured beat of oars along the calm, and Cleopatra smiled alluringly from the great pageant's heart.

Was this a barge for summer waters, this peculiar ship I saw? It had a ruined dignity, a cumbrous grandeur, although its masts were shattered, and its sails rent. It hung preternaturally still upon the sea, as if tormented and exhausted by long driving and drifting. I saw no sailors, but a great Spanish ensign floated over, and waved, a funereal plume. I knew it then. The armada was long since scattered; but, floating far

on desolate rainy seas,

lost for centuries, and again restored to sight, here lay one of the fated ships of Spain. The huge galleon seemed to fill all the air, built up against the sky, like the gilded ships of Claude Lorraine against the sunset.

But it fled, for now a black flag fluttered at the mast-head — a long low vessel darted swiftly where the vast ship lay; there came a shrill piping whistle, the clash of cutlasses, fierce ringing oaths, sharp pistol cracks, the thunder of command, and over all the gusty yell of a demoniac chorus,

My name was Robert Kidd, when I sailed.

— There were no clouds longer, but under a serene sky I saw a bark moving with festal pomp, thronged with grave senators in flowing robes, and one with

ducal bonnet in the midst, holding a ring. The smooth bark swam upon a sea like that of southern latitudes. I saw the *Bucentoro* and the nuptials of Venice and the Adriatic.

Who were those coming over the side? Who crowded the boats, and sprang into the water, men in old Spanish armor, with plumes and swords, and bearing a glittering cross? Who was he standing upon the deck with folded arms and gazing towards the shore, as lovers on their mistresses and martyrs upon heaven? Over what distant and tumultuous seas had this small craft escaped from other centuries and distant shores? What sounds of foreign hymns, forgotten now, were these, and what solemnity of debarkation? Was this grave form Columbus?

REMARKS

This passage from *Prue and I*, by George William Curtis, was chosen for transcription because it calls for a considerable range of styles, from familiar colloquial to a formal poetic and rhetorical style. It is transcribed into what seem to the author the least questionable forms of standard speech, that is, the forms least limited by geographical or other considerations. It is not to be taken therefore as a record of the author's individual pronunciation, but of what in his judgment is as satisfactory a representation as can be made of an accepted general standard in American speech. The author's native speech is that of Southern Ohio, though for the past twenty years he has been a resident of New York City, and it is of course quite likely that his observations have been, in some degree, colored by his early habits of speech.

[deɪ-driːmz]. The diphthongal quality in [deɪ-] is not strongly marked, but sufficiently so to justify recording it, and so generally in final position and also before voiced consonants, e.g., [deɪz], l. 12, [seɪlz], l. 23, etc.

l. 2. [bəm]. The name might also be pronounced ['bu:m], ['bu:əm].

['pæsɪz]. Some speakers might say ['pæsəz], and so generally with final unstressed syllables in **–es, –ed.**

['hɑspɪtəblɪ]. Or ['hɔspɪtəblɪ], but not with the stress on the second syllable. This variation between [ɑ] and [ɔ] occurs in a number of other words.

l. 3. [æskt]. Or [ɑ:skt], [a:skt].

l. 5. ['pɑkɪts]. Or ['pɔkɪts]. Is ['pɑkəts] permissible?

l. 6. [ʍɛɹ]. The vowel in **where, there,** when these are slightly stressed words, should be transcribed as short, [ʍɛɹ], [ðɛɹ].

l. 7. [ɪm]. More formally, [hɪm].

['æŋkʃəs]. Better than ['æŋʃəs].

l. 13. [səm'taɪmz]. The word might also be pronounced ['sʌm-ˌtaɪmz].

l. 15. [nd bɪ'saɪd], etc. Informal conversational style.

l. 19. ['wɪərɪ]. Or ['wi:rɪ], though less commonly.

l. 22. ['wɔndəɹd]. Or ['wɑndəɹd].

l. 23. [fi:ldz]. Less correctly, [fi:lz].

l. 24. [ænd fɛl], etc. This clause is transcribed in slow and formal style. The sentence immediately following is again brisker and more informal.

l. 30. [me·d]. The vowel is half-long or short here, because so slightly stressed.

l. 54. ['vɛsl]. Sometimes pronounced ['vɛsəl] or ['vɛsɛl], but not in standard speech.

l. 62. [bʌt]. Usually unemphatic, [bət], but stressed here.

l. 64. [wɑz]. Somewhat emphatic here.

l. 72. ['sɪəɹ]. Perhaps also ['siəɹ].

['mɛlənˌkalɪ]. Or ['mɛlənˌkɔlɪ]; so also **solitary,** l. 73, ['sɑlɪˌtərɪ] or ['sɔlɪˌtərɪ].

l. 86. ['ɔrɪˌɛnt]. Or ['ɔrɪˌɛnt]. Less formally, ['ɔrɪənt].

l. 92. [wɑz]. Unstressed, but formal because of its important position in the sentence.

l. 98. [nju:]. Often pronounced [nu:].

l. 113. [pɔmp]. Or [pɑmp], but in this word [ɔ] is more general than [ɑ].

l. 114. ['sɛnəˌtɔɹz]. Formal pronunciation.

l. 124. ['mɑ:ɹtɪɹz]. Less formally, ['mɑ:ɹtəɹz]; so also ['dɪstənt], l. 125, ['sɛntʃərɪz], l. 126, [sə'ʞemnɪtɪ], l. 128, [kə'lʌmbəs], l. 129.

II

ðə ˈlɔŋɪŋ əv ə mæn əv ˈsaɪəns

maɪ fəɹst stɛp, əv kɔɹs, wɑz tə faɪnd ˈsjutəbl əˈpɑːɹtmənts. ðiːz aɪ əbˈtɛɪnd, ˈæftəɹ ə ˈkʌpl əv deːz səɹtʃ, ɪn fəːɹθ ˈævənju; ə ˈvɛrɪ ˈprɪtɪ ˈsɛkənd-ˈfloːɹ unˈfəɹnɪʃt, kənˈteːnɪŋ ˈsɪtɪŋ-ˈruːm, ˈbɛd-ˈruːm, ænd ə ˈsmoːləɹ əˈpɑːɹtmənt ʍɪtʃ aɪ ɪnˈtendɪd tə fɪt ʌp æz ə ˈlæbərəˈtərɪ. aɪ ˈfəɹnɪʃt maɪ ˈlɑdʒɪŋz ˈsɪmplɪ, bət ˈræðəɹ ˈɛləgəntlɪ, ænd ðɛn dɪˈvoːɪtɪd əːl maɪ ˈɛnəɹdʒiz tʊ ðɪ əˈdɔɹnmənt əv ðə tɛmpl əv maɪ ˈwəɹʃɪp. aɪ ˈvɪzɪtɪd paɪk, ðə ˈsɛləˈbre·tɪd ɑpˈtɪʃən, ænd pæst ɪn ɹɪˈvjuː hɪz ˈsplɛndɪd kəˈlɛkʃən əv ˈmaɪkroˈsko·ps, — fiːldz ˈkɑmˈpɑʊnd, ˈhɪŋəmz, ˈspɛnsəɹz, næˈʃeɪz ˈbaɪˈnɑkjuləɹ (ðæt ˈfɑʊndɪd ɔn ðə ˈpɹɪnsɪplz əv ðə ˈsteɪɹəsˈkoːp), ænd æt lɛŋkθ fɪkst əˈpɔn ðæt fəːɹm noːɪn æz ˈspɛnsəɹz ˈtɹʌnjən ˈmaɪkroˈsko·p, æz kəmˈbɑɪnɪŋ ðə ˈgreːɪtɪst ˈnʌmbəɹ əv ɪmˈpruːvmənts wɪð n ˈɔlˈmo·st ˈpəɹfɪkt ˈfriːdəm frʌm ˈtɹɛməɹ. əˈloŋ wɪð ðɪs aɪ ˈpəɹtʃɪst ˈɛvɹɪ ˈpɑsɪbl ækˈsɛsəɹɪ,—ˈdɹəːˈtjuːbz, ˈmaɪˈkɹɑməɪəz, ə ˈkɑməɹɑˈlusɪdɑ, ˈliːvəɹˈsteɪdʒ, ˈækroˈmætɪk kənˈdɛnsəɹz, ʍaɪt klaʊd ɪˈluːmɪˈne·təɹz, pɹɪzmz, ˈpærəˈbalɪk kənˈdɛnsəɹz, ˈpoːləˈɹaɪzɪŋ æpəˈɹaɪtəs, ˈfəːɹseps, əˈkwɑtɪk ˈbɑksəz, ˈfɪʃɪŋˈtjuːbz, wɪð ə hoːst əv ˈʌðəɹ ˈɑɪtɪklz, ɔːl əv ʍɪtʃ wʊd əv bɪn ˈjusfəl ɪn ðə hændz əv n ɪksˈpɪɹɪənst maɪˈkɹɑskopɪst, bʌt, æz aɪ ˈæftəɹwəɹdz dɪsˈkʌvəɹd, wəɹ nɑt əv ðə ˈslaɪtɪst ˈpɹɛznt ˈvælju tə miːɪ. ɪt teːks ˈjɪəɹz əv ˈpɹæktɪs tə noː hɑʊ tə juːz ə ˈkɑmplɪˈke·tɪd ˈmaɪkroˈsko·p. ðɪ ɑpˈtɪʃən lʊkt səsˈpɪʃəslɪ æt mi æz aɪ meːd ðiːz ˈhoːl-ˈseːl ˈpəɹtʃɪsəz. hɪ ˈɛvɪdəntlɪ wəz ʌnˈsəɹtn ˈʍɛðəɹ tə sɛt mɪ daʊn æz sʌm ˈsaɪənˈtɪfɪk seˈlɛbrɪtɪ ɔɹ ə ˈmædˈmæn. aɪ θɪŋk hɪ ɪnˈklaɪnd tə ðə ˈlætəɹ bɪˈliːf. aɪ səˈpoːɪz aɪ wɑz mæd.

ˈɛvrɪ greɪt ˈdʒiːmjəs ɪz mæd əˈpɒn ðə ˈsʌbdʒɛkt ɪn mɪtʃ hɪ ɪz ˈgreɪtɪst. ðɪ ˈʌnsəkˈsɛsfəl ˈmædˈmæn ɪz dɪsˈgreɪst ænd kɔːld ə ˈlunətɪk.

mæd ɔɪ nɑt, aɪ sɛt maɪˈsɛlf tə wəɹk wɪð ə ziːl mɪtʃ fju ˈsaɪənˈtɪfɪk ˈstjudənts hæv ˈɛvəɹ ˈiːkwəld. aɪ hæd ˈɛvrɪˈθɪŋ tə ləɹn ˈrɛlətɪv tə ðə ˈdɛlɪkɪt ˈstʌdɪ əˈpɒn mɪtʃ aɪ hæd ɪmˈbɑːɹkt, — ə ˈstʌdɪ ɪnˈvɑlvɪŋ ðə moɪst ˈəɪnəst ˈpeɪʃəns, ðə moɪst ˈrɪdʒɪd ænəˈlɪtɪk ˈpɑʊəɹz, ðə ˈstɛdɪəst hænd, ðə moɪst ˈʌnˈtaɪrɪŋ aɪ, ðə moɪst rɪˈfaɪnd ænd ˈsʌbˈtaɪl mæˈnɪpjuˈleɪʃən.

fɔɹ ə lɔŋ taɪm hæf maɪ æpəˈrɑɪtəs leɪ ɪnˈæktɪvlɪ ɔn ðə ʃɛlvz əv maɪ ˈlæbərəˈtɔrɪ, mɪtʃ wəz nɑʊ moɪst ˈæmplɪ ˈfəɪmɪʃt wɪð ˈɛvrɪ ˈpɑsɪbl kənˈtraɪvəns fɔr fəˈsɪlɪˈteˑtɪŋ maɪ ɪnˈvɛstɪˈgeɪʃənz. ðə fækt wɑz ðæt aɪ dɪd nɑt noɪ hɑʊ tə juːz sʌm əv maɪ ˈsaɪənˈtɪfɪk ˈɪmpləmənts, — ˈnɛvəɹ ˈhævɪŋ bɪn tɔɪt ˈmaɪkroˈskɑpɪks, — ænd ðoɪz huz juːs aɪ ˈʌndəɹˈstʊd ˈθioˈrɛtɪkəlɪ wəɹ əv ˈlɪtl əˈveɪl, ənˈtɪl baɪ ˈpræktɪs aɪ kʊd əˈteɪn ðə ˈnɛsəˈsɛrɪ ˈdɛlɪkəsɪ əv ˈhændlɪŋ. stɪl, sʌtʃ wəz ðə ˈfjurɪ əv maɪ æmˈbɪʃən, sʌtʃ ðɪ ˈʌnˈtaɪrɪŋ pəɪsɪˈvɪrəns əv maɪ ɪksˈpɛrɪmənts, ðæt, ˈdɪfɪkəlt əv ˈkrɛdɪt æz ɪt meˑ biː, ɪn ðə kɔɪs əv wʌn ˈjɪəɹ aɪ bɪˈkeɪm ˈθioˈrɛtɪkəlɪ ænd ˈpræktɪkəlɪ æn əˈkʌmplɪʃt maɪˈkrɑskopɪst.

ˈdjurɪŋ ðɪs ˈpɪrɪəd əv maɪ ˈleɪbəɹz, ɪn mɪtʃ aɪ səbˈmɪtɪd ˈspɛsɪmənz əv ˈɛvrɪ ˈsʌbstəns ðæt keˑm ˈʌndəɹ maɪ ˈɑbsəɹˈveɪʃən tə ðɪ ˈækʃən əv maɪ ˈlɛnzɪz, aɪ bɪˈkeɪm ə dɪsˈkʌvərəɹ, — ɪn ə smɔːl weɪ, ɪt ɪz truː, fɔɹ aɪ wəz ˈvɛrɪ jʌŋ, bət stɪl ə dɪsˈkʌvərəɹ. ɪt wəz aɪ hu dɪsˈtroɪd ˈɛrənbəɪgz ˈθiorɪ ðæt ðə ˈvɒlvəks gloˈbɑɪtor wɑz æn ˈænɪməl, ænd pruːvd ðæt hɪz "ˈmoɪmædz" wɪð ˈstʌməks nd aɪz wəɹ ˈmɪɪlɪ ˈfeɪzəz əv ðə fɔɹˈmeɪʃən əv ə ˈvɛdʒətəbl sɛl, ænd wəɹ, mɛn ðeˑ riːtʃt ðɛɹ məˈtjuɹ steɪt, ɪnˈkeɪpəbl əv ðɪ ækt əv ˈkɑndʒuˈgeɪʃən,

ɔɪ ˈɛnɪ truː ˈdʒɛnəˈre·tɪv ækt, wɪðˈɑʊt ʌɪtʃ noː ˈɔɪ-
gənɪzm ˈraɪzɪŋ tʊ ˈɛnɪ steɪdʒ əv laɪf ˈhaɪəɪ ðən ˈvɛdʒə-
təbl kæn bɪ sɛd tə bi kʌmˈpliːt. ɪt wəz aɪ hu rɪˈzɑlvd
ðə ˈsɪŋgjuləɪ ˈprɑbləm əv roˈteːʃən ɪn ðə sɛlz ænd
hɛɪɹz əv plænts ˈɪntu ˈsɪlɪˈɛrɪ əˈtrækʃən, ɪn spaɪt əv ðɪ
əˈsəɹʃənz əv ˈmɪstəɪ ˈwɛnəm ænd ˈʌðəɪz, ðæt maɪ
ɛksplˈneːʃən wɑz ðə rɪˈzʌlt əv ən ˈɑptɪkl ɪˈluːʒən.

The Longing of a Man of Science

My first step of course was to find suitable apartments. These I obtained, after a couple of days' search, in Fourth Avenue; a very pretty second-floor unfurnished, containing sitting-room, bed-room, and a smaller apartment which I intended to fit up as a laboratory. I furnished my lodgings simply, but rather elegantly, and then devoted all my energies to the adornment of the temple of my worship. I visited Pike, the celebrated optician, and passed in review his splendid collection of microscopes, — Field's Compound, Hingham's, Spencer's, Nachet's Binocular (that founded on the principles of the stereoscope), and at length fixed upon that form known as Spencer's Trunnion Microscope, as combining the greatest number of improvements with an almost perfect freedom from tremor. Along with this I purchased every possible accessory, — draw-tubes, micrometers, a *camera-lucida*, lever-stage, achromatic condensers, white cloud illuminators, prisms, parabolic condensers, polarizing apparatus, forceps, aquatic boxes, fishing-tubes, with a host of other articles, all of which would have been useful in the hands of an experienced microscopist, but, as I

afterwards discovered, were not of the slightest present value to me. It takes years of practice to know how to use a complicated microscope. The optician looked suspiciously at me as I made these whole-sale purchases. He evidently was uncertain whether to set me down as some scientific celebrity or a madman. I think he inclined to the latter belief. I suppose I was mad. Every great genius is mad upon the subject in which he is greatest. The unsuccessful madman is disgraced and called a lunatic.

Mad or not, I set myself to work with a zeal which few scientific students have ever equaled. I had everything to learn relative to the delicate study upon which I had embarked, — a study involving the most earnest patience, the most rigid analytic powers, the steadiest hand, the most untiring eye, the most refined and subtile manipulation.

For a long time half my apparatus lay inactively on the shelves of my laboratory, which was now most amply furnished with every possible contrivance for facilitating my investigations. The fact was that I did not know how to use some of my scientific implements, — never having been taught microscopics, — and those whose use I understood theoretically were of little avail, until by practice I could attain the necessary delicacy of handling. Still, such was the fury of my ambition, such the untiring perseverance of my experiments, that, difficult of credit as it may be, in the course of one year I became theoretically and practically an accomplished microscopist.

During this period of my labors, in which I submitted specimens of every substance that came under my observation to the action of my lenses, I became

a discoverer, — in a small way, it is true, for I was very young, but still a discoverer. It was I who destroyed Ehrenberg's theory that the *Volvox globator* was an animal, and proved that his "monads" with stomachs and eyes were merely phases of the formation of a vegetable cell, and were, when they reached their mature state, incapable of the act of conjugation, or any true generative act, without which no organism rising to any stage of life higher than vegetable can be said to be complete. It was I who resolved the singular problem of rotation in the cells and hairs of plants into ciliary attraction, in spite of the assertions of Mr. Wenham and others, that my explanation was the result of an optical illusion.

REMARKS

These paragraphs are from *The Diamond Lens* by Fitz-James O'Brien. The transcription represents the author's conception of a standard reading pronunciation, more formal than a colloquial but less formal than an oratorical style.

l. 1. ['sjutəbl]. But ['sutəbl] is also possible.

l. 5. [ɪn'tendɪd]. The final syllable, in this and similar words, is quite as likely to be [–əd] as [–ɪd].

l. 9. [pæst]. Or [pɑːst]. The pronunciation [pɑːst] is likely to be noticeable. Neither [pɑːst] nor [pɑːst] are natural to the author, whose native speech was formed in Southern Ohio.

l. 13. [lɛŋkθ]. Or [lɛŋθ].

l. 16. ['trɛməɹ]. Rarely ['triːməɹ].

l. 18. ['ækro'mætɪk]. For emphasis on the etymological elements of the word, one might say ['eɪkro'mætɪk].

l. 20. [æpə'rɑːtəs]. Or [æpə'reːtəs], scarcely [æpə'rætəs], though this pronunciation is common popularly and is sometimes heard among physicists and other scientists.

l. 21. [ə'kwɑtɪk]. Or [ə'kwɔtɪk].

l. 26. [ɑp'tɪʃən]. Of course [ɔp'tɪʃən] is also possible, but in this

and other words where a choice between the two is open, the form with [ɑ] is much the more general, and represents the author's habit.

l. 28. ['ɛvɪdəntlɪ]. Or ['ɛvɪ'dɛntlɪ].

l. 30. [wʊz]. An emphatic form of unemphatic [wəz].

l. 31. ['sʌbdʒɛkt]. Or ['sʌbdʒɪkt].

l. 32. [ðɪ]. Before a vowel, [ðə] before consonants.

['ʌnsək'sɛsfəl]. Or ['ʌnsək'sɛsfəl].

l. 34. [ɔɹ]. In rapid reading more likely to be [əɹ] than [ɔɹ]. So also [ænd] may frequently be merely [nd].

l. 36. ['dɛlɪkɪt]. The pronunciation ['dɛləkət] seems scarcely permissible.

l. 37. [ɪm'bɑːɹkt]. Or [ɛm'bɑːɹkt].

l. 39. ['ʌn'taɪrɪŋ]. Or [ən'taɪrɪŋ].

l. 41. [hæf]. Or [haːf].

l. 52. [bɪ'keːm]. The vowel is distinctly long here before a slight pause.

l. 54. ['djurɪŋ]. In British English a glide vowel before [r] is prominent, giving ['djuərɪŋ], ['pɪərɪəd], l. 61 ['mɪəɹlɪ], etc., but in American speech this glide vowel is very slight when heard and usually is not heard at all.

l. 62. [wəɹ]. Stressed here, but usually unstressed.

l. 66. [bɪ], [bi]. The second be is more emphatic, hence the vowel is higher and tenser. The second syllable of complete is still more emphatic.

III

ðə 'həɪmɪt

wʌn naɪt, ə 'bjutɪfəl 'klɪəɹ 'frɔstɪ naɪt, hi keɪm bæk tʊ hɪz sɛl, 'æftəɹ ə ʃɔɹt rest. ðə staɪɹz wəɹ 'wʌndəɹfəl. 'hɛvn siːmd ə 'θɑʊzənd taɪmz 'laːɹdʒəɹ əz wɛl əz 'braɪtəɹ ðən əɹθ, nd tə lʊk wɪð ə 'θɑʊzənd aɪz ɪn'stɛd əv wʌn.

"oʊ, 'wʌndəɹfəl," hi kraɪd, "ðət ðɛɹ ʃʊd bi mɛn hu duː kraɪmz baɪ naɪt; ænd 'ʌðəɹz skɛːɹs lɛs mæd, hu lɪv fəɹ ðɪs 'lɪtl wəɹld, nd nɑt fəɹ ðæt greɪt n 'glɔːrɪəs wʌn, ʍɪtʃ 'naɪtlɪ, tʊ ɔːl aɪz nɑt 'blaɪndɪd baɪ 'kʌstəm,

ɪo rɪ' vi:lz ɪts 'glo:ɪŋ 'glə:rɪz. θæŋk gʊd aɪ æm ə 'həɹ-
mɪt."

ænd ɪn ðɪs mu:d hi ke:m tʊ hɪz sɛl də:ɪ.

hi pə:zd æt ɪt; ɪt wəz klo:zd.

"ʍaɪ, mɪ'θə:ɪt aɪ lɛft ɪt 'o:pn," sɛd hi. "ðə wɪnd.
15 ðəɹ ɪz nɑt ə brɛθ əv wɪnd. ʍɑt mi:nz ðɪs?"

hi stʊd wɪð ɪz hænd ə'pɔn ðə 'rʌgɪd də:ɪ. hi lʊkt
θru wʌn əv ðə gre:t tʃɪŋks, fəɹ ɪt wəz mʌtʃ 'smə:lə ɪn
'ple:sɪz ðæn ðɪ 'æpəɹtʃəɹ ɪt prɪ'tɛndɪd tə klo:z, ænd
sə: hɪz 'lɪtl ɔɪl wɪk 'bəɹnɪŋ dʒʌst ʍɛ:ɪ hi hæd lɛft ɪt.

20 "haʊ ɪz ɪt wɪð mi," hi saɪd, "ʍɛn aɪ stɑ:ɹt n 'trembl
æt 'nʌθɪŋ? 'i:ðəɹ aɪ dɪd ʃʌt ɪt, ɔɹ ðə fi:nd hæθ ʃʌt ɪt
'æftəɹ mi tə dɪs'təɹb maɪ 'hæpɪ soʊl. 'rɛtro sə'θɑ:mas!"

ænd hi 'ɛntəɹd hɪz ke:v 'ræpɪdlɪ, nd bɪ'gæn wɪð
'sʌmʍɑt 'nəɹvəs ɛkspɪ'dɪʃən tə laɪt wʌn əv hɪz 'lɑ:ɹdʒ-
25 ɪst 'te:pəɹz. ʍɑɪl hi wəz 'laɪtɪŋ ɪt, ðɛɹ wəz ə sɔft saɪ
ɪn ðə ke:v.

hi 'stɑ:ɹtɪd nd drʌpt ðə 'kændl dʒʌst əz ɪt wəz 'laɪ-
tɪŋ, ænd ɪt went ɑʊt.

hi stu:pt fəɹ ɪt 'hʌrɪədlɪ nd 'laɪtɪd ɪt, 'lɪsnɪŋ ɪn-
30 'tentlɪ. ʍɛn ɪt wəz 'laɪtɪd hi 'ʃe:dɪd ɪt wɪð ɪz hænd
frəm bɪ'haɪnd, ænd θru: ðə fe:nt laɪt ɔ:l raʊnd ðə sɛl.

ɪn ðə 'faɪ:ɹðɪst 'kɔ:ɹnəɹ ðɪ 'ɑʊtlaɪn əv ðə wɔ:l si:md
'bro:ɪkn.

hi tʊk ə stɛp tə:ɹdz ðə ple:s wɪð ɪz hɑ:ɹt 'bi:tɪŋ.

35 ðə 'kændl æt ðə se:m taɪm 'gɛtɪŋ 'braɪtəɹ, hi sə: ɪt
wəz ðə 'fɪgjʊɹ əv ə 'wʊmən.

ə'nʌðəɹ stɛp wɪð ɪz ni:ɹ 'nɑkɪŋ tə'gɛðəɹ.

ɪt wɑz 'mɑ:ɹgrɪt brænt.

The Hermit

One night, a beautiful clear frosty night, he came back to his cell, after a short rest. The stars were

wonderful. Heaven seemed a thousand times larger as well as brighter than earth, and to look with a thousand eyes instead of one.

"Oh, wonderful," he cried, "that there should be men who do crimes by night; and others scarce less mad, who live for this little world, and not for that great and glorious one, which nightly, to all eyes not blinded by custom, reveals its glowing glories. Thank God I am a hermit."

And in this mood he came to his cell door.

He paused at it; it was closed.

"Why, methought I left it open," said he. "The wind. There is not a breath of wind. What means this?"

He stood with his hand upon the rugged door. He looked through one of the great chinks, for it was much smaller in places than the aperture it pretended to close, and saw his little oil wick burning just where he had left it.

"How is it with me," he sighed, "when I start and tremble at nothing? Either I did shut it, or the fiend hath shut it after me to disturb my happy soul. Retro Sathanas!"

And he entered his cave rapidly, and began with somewhat nervous expedition to light one of his largest tapers. While he was lighting it, there was a soft sigh in the cave.

He started and dropped the candle just as it was lighting, and it went out.

He stooped for it hurriedly and lighted it, listening intently. When it was lighted he shaded it with his hand from behind, and threw the faint light all round the cell.

In the farthest corner the outline of the wall seemed broken.

He took a step towards the place with his heart beating.

The candle at the same time getting brighter, he saw it was the figure of a woman.

Another step with his knees knocking together.

It was Margaret Brandt.

REMARKS

From Cap. XCV of Charles Reade's *The Cloister and the Hearth.*

l. 1. [wan nait]. Two distinct [n] consonants are not pronounced here, see above, § 83.

l. 10. [ai æm]. Less formally, [aim].

l. 17. [θru]. The word is very slightly stressed, hence the vowel is short.

[greːt]. As an intensive, great is not usually a very emphatic word. Here it is lightly stressed and the vowel is perhaps only half-long.

l. 18. ['pleːsiz]. Or ['pleːsəz]?

l. 38. ['maːgrit]. This word would be trisyllabic only in a formal spelling-pronunciation.

IV

ðə 'lʊk-'aʊt

"ðɛɪ ʃi blooz," wəz sʌŋ aʊt frəm ðə 'mæst-'hɛd.

"mɛɪ ə'weɪ?" dɪ'mændɪd ðə 'kæptn.

"θriː poɪnts oɪf ðə liː baʊ, səɹ."

"reɪz ʌp jəɹ miːl. 'steɪ'diː!"

"'stɛdɪ, səɹ."

"'mæst-'hɛd ə'hoɪ! djə siː ðæt mɛɪl naʊ?"

"aɪ, aɪ, səɹ! ə ʃoʊl ə spəɹm mɛɪlz! ðɛɪ ʃi blooz! ðɛɪ ʃi 'briːtʃəz!"

"sɪŋ aʊt! sɪŋ aʊt ɛvrɪ taɪm!"

"aɪ, aɪ, səɹ! ðɛɪɹ ʃi blouz! ðɛɪɹ — ðɛɪɹ — ðɑɪɹ ʃi blouz — bouz — boɪuz!"

"hɑu fɑɪɹ ɔɪf?"

"tu mɑɪlz nd ə hæf."

"'θʌndr n 'lɑɪtnɪŋ! so 'nɪəɹ! kɔɪl ɔɪl hændz!"

The Look-out

"There she blows," was sung out from the mast-head.

"Where away?" demanded the captain.

"Three points off the lee bow, sir."

"Raise up your wheel. Steady!"

"Steady, sir."

"Mast-head ahoy! Do you see that whale now?"

"Ay, ay, sir! A shoal of Sperm Whales! There she blows! There she breaches!"

"Sing out! sing out every time!"

"Ay, ay, sir! There she blows! there — there — *thar* she blows — bowes — bo—o—o—s!"

"How far off?"

"Two miles and a half."

"Thunder and lightning! So near! Call all hands!"

REMARKS

From *Extracts* at the end of Melville's *Moby Dick*. Note the prolonged quality of some of the vowels, resulting of course from the manner of speech exemplified by the passage. In line 6, [djə] might be transcribed [dʒə].

V

ðə fiːst

ænd stɪl ʃi slept ɪn 'æʒəɹ-'lɪdɪd sliːp,
ɪn 'blæntʃɪd 'lɪmɪn, smuːð, ænd 'lævən'dəɹd,

ɯaɪl hiː fraɯ fɔːɹθ ðə ˈklɔzɪt brɔːt ə hiːp
ɑv ˈkæn'did ˈæpəl, kwɪns, ænd plʌm, ænd ˈgʊəɹd;
wɪθ ˈdʒɛliz ˈsuːðəɹ ðæn ðə ˈkriːmɪ kəɹd,
ænd ˈljuːsent ˈsɪɹəps, tɪŋkt wɪθ ˈsɪnəˈmən;
ˈmænə ænd deɪts, ɪn ˈɑːɹgoˈsi træns'fəɹd
fraɯ fɛz; ænd ˈspaɪsɪd ˈdeɪntiz, ˈɛvɹɪ wʌn,
fraɯ ˈsɪlkən ˈsæməɹ'kænd tu ˈsidəɹd ˈlebəˈnɔn.

ðiːz ˈdelɪ'keɪts hi hiːpt wɪθ ˈgloːɪŋ hænd
ɔn ˈgoːldɪn ˈdɪʃɪz ænd ɪn ˈbɑːskɪts braɪt
ɑv ˈwriːðɪd ˈsɪlvəɹ: ˈsʌmptʃuˈʌs ðe· stænd
ɪn ðə ɹɪˈtaɪəɹd ˈkwaɪɪt ɑv ðə naɪt,
ˈfɪlɪŋ ðə ˈtʃɪlɪ ruːm wɪθ ˈpəɹfjum laɪt. —
"ænd nɑʊ, maɪ lʌv, maɪ ˈsɛɹæf ˈfɛːəɹ, əˈweːk!
ðɑʊ ɑɹt maɪ ˈhɛvn, ænd aɪ ðaɪn ˈɛɹɪˈmaɪt:
ˈoːɪpn ðaɪn aɪz, fəɹ miːk seːnt ˈægnɪs seːk,
ɔɹ aɪ ʃæl dɹɑʊz bɪˈsaɪd ðiː, soʊ maɪ soʊl dʌθ eːk."

The Feast

And still she slept in azure-lidded sleep,
In blanched linen, smooth, and lavender'd,
While he from forth the closet brought a heap
Of candied apple, quince, and plum, and gourd;
With jellies soother than the creamy curd,
And lucent syrops, tinct with cinnamon;
Manna and dates, in argosy transferr'd
From Fez; and spiced dainties, every one,
From silken Samarcand to cedar'd Lebanon.

These delicates he heap'd with glowing hand
On golden dishes and in baskets bright
Of wreathed silver: sumptuous they stand

In the retired quiet of the night,
Filling the chilly room with perfume light. —
"And now, my love, my seraph fair, awake!
Thou art my heaven, and I thine eremite:
Open thine eyes, for meek St. Agnes' sake,
Or I shall drowse beside thee, so my soul doth ache."

REMARKS

These two stanzas from *The Eve of St. Agnes*, by Keats, are transcribed into a text for very formal and somewhat artificial pronunciation, such as one would employ in a slow recitation of the lines.

l. 1. ['æʒəɹ-]. Or ['eɪʒəɹ-].

l. 4. ['gʊəɹd]. The word is a poor rime to **lavender'd, curd, transferr'd,** unless one adopts an artificial pronunciation, [gəɹd], for the sake of the rime. Normally the word is pronounced ['gʊəɹd] or [gɔɹd].

l. 6. ['lju:sənt 'sɪɹɔps]. In colloquial style, ['lu:sənt 'sɪɹəps].

l. 8. [wʌn]. Should one pronounce [wɔn] for the rime, or ['sɪnə-'mʌn], ['lɛbə'nʌn], or be satisfied merely with the approximate eye-rime in the spellings **cinnamon, one, Lebanon?**

l. 11. ['ba:skɪts]. Or ['ba:skɪts], ['bæskɪts], though one would not likely hear ['bæskɪts] from a professional elocutionist.

l. 12. ['sʌmptʃu'ʌs]. In colloquial style, ['sʌmptʃuəs].

VI

mɔɹ'tælɪtɪ

soʊ wi dʒʌdʒ əv ðə ho:p əv ɪmɔɹ'tælɪtɪ. ɪt bɪ'loŋz wɪð ənd fɪts 'ɪntu ə 'strʌktʃəɹ; ɪt ɪz ðæt wɪð'aʊt mɪtʃ ju kən 'nɛvəɹ me:k ðə 'bjutɪ ɔɹ 'junɪtɪ la:st, wɪðaʊt mɪtʃ 'ɔlso ðə 'strʌktʃəɹ tɛndz tə fɔ:l ə'pa:t. ðɪ a:tʃ ɪz nat jɛt tru: tɪl 'ɛvrɪ sto:m fɪts 'ɪntu ple:s. pʊt ðə ho:p əv ɪmɔɹ'tælɪtɪ 'ɪntu ðə kraʊn əv ðə 'vælju:z əv laɪf, ənd ðe· ko'hɪəɹ, ənd ɔ:l əv ðɛm te:k ən nju: sɪg'nɪfɪkəns.

iːtʃ stoːm bɪlt ˈɪntə ðə ˈstrʌktʃəɹ ɪz wʌɪθ ˈməəɹ ðən ɪt ɪz wʌɪð baɪ ɪtˈsɛlf ɪn ðə fiːld. iːtʃ stoːm ɪz wʌɪð stɪl ˈməəɹ ʍɛn ðə ˈstrʌktʃəɹ ɪz ˈfɪnɪʃt. rɪˈfjuz ˈjuəɹ ˈkiː-ˈstoːm ðə pleːs fɔɹ ʍɪtʃ ɪt siːmz tə bɪ ˈfɪtɪd ɛgˈzæktlɪ, ænd ju hæv pʊt ˈɛvrɪ ˈprɛʃəs ˈvælju æt rɪsk. ju əɹ nɑt so ˈʃʊəɹ əv ə gʊd gɑd ˈɛnɪ ˈlɔŋgəɹ. ˈhjumən laɪf ɪz no ˈlɔŋgəɹ so sɪgˈnɪfɪkənt əz ɪt wəz bɪˈfoəɹ. ju həv lɔst wʌɪθ ɑʊt əv lʌv ənd ˈfrɛndʃɪp, ənd ˈlɛveld ðɛm tɔːɪd ðə dʌst. ju həv rɪˈdust ˈpeːtrɪətɪzm ənd fɪlˈænθrəpɪ tʊ ˈfaɪˈnaɪt ˈvæljuz, iːtʃ wɪð ɪts praɪs. ju həv teːkn ˈbʊɪjənt dʒoɪ ənd ɛnˈθuzɪæzm ɑʊt əv ɔːl məˈtuɹ mɛnz laɪf, ənd ˈθrɛtnd ðɛm wɪð ən ˈəʌlɪəɹ oːld eːdʒ. ju həv ˈʃeːkn ðə ˈbeːsəz əv moˈrælɪtɪ ənd pʊt ˈraɪtʃəsnəs ˈɪntu təɹmz əv ˈkʌmfət ənd ˈpɑlɪsɪ. ju həv ˈbɪdn ðɪ ˈɑːtɪst, ðə ˈpoɛt, ənd ðə ˈprɑfɛt laːf ət ðɛɹ ˈvɪʒənz ənd dɑʊt ðɛɹ vəˈlɪdɪtɪ. ju həv dɪsˈtɪŋktlɪ ˈʃeːkn mænz feːθ ɪn ˈlɑdʒɪk ənd ˈriːzən, ənd broːɪt oːl ɪntəˈlɛktʃʊəl ˈprɑsəsəz ˈɪntu dɪsˈkrɛdɪt. fɔɹ oːl ðət ˈlɑdʒɪk ɪz ˈfoːə ɪz tə baɪnd θɪŋz ˈɪntu koˈhɪrəns ənd ˈjunɪtɪ. oːl ˈvæljuz, ɪn fækt, bɪˈlɔŋ ɪn ðɪ aɪˈdɪəl ˈrɛlm; ðeˑ goː təˈgɛðəɹ ənd meːk ə ˈjunɪtɪ, oɹ ɛls ðeˑ foːl təˈgɛðəɹ.

foːl təˈgɛðəɹ? noʊ! no mæn kæn meːk ðə greːt ˈvæljuz foːl, ɔ teːk ðɛm əˈpɑɪt, ɔ həɹt wʌn əv ðɛm. ə mæn kæn həɹt ənd maː hɪz oʊn laɪf baɪ hɪz dɪsˈtrʌst, bət hɪ kən maː noʊ rɪˈælɪtɪ. no mænz dɑʊt kən meːk ˈdʒʌstɪs, ˈbjutɪ, truːθ, lʌv, lɛs ðən ˈrɪəl. ðiːz θɪŋz ɑ ɪmˈgreɪnd ɪn ɑ ˈneːtʃə. wɪ niːd ˈoːmlɪ tə trʌst ðɛm. ðeˑ ˈkʌnstɪˈtʊt æn ˈɪnfɪmɪt ˈɔɹdəɹ. ðeˑ ˈvælɪˈdeːt ðɛmˈsɛlvz ðə ˈməəɹ wɪ θroʊ ɑʊə weːt əˈpɔn ðɛm. ðə hoːp əv ɪməɹˈtælɪtɪ ɪz ˈsɪmplɪ ðə ˈkiːˈstoːm, ʌɪtʃ ˈɔlwez stændz faːst, bɪˈjɔnd ˈɛnɪ mænz dɑʊt, æt ðə kraʊn əv ðə ˈstrʌktʃəɹ. ɪt fɪts ɪts kəmˈpænjən ˈvæljuz, ənd ðeˑ klaːsp ɪt wɪð ðɛɹ aːmz ˈɪntu ə sɪˈrɪːm ɪnˈtɛgrɪtɪ. ðeˑ

bɪd ʌs trʌst ʊʊə̈ laɪvz ə'pɔn ðɪ 'ɑːtʃ'weɪ, ʍɪtʃ 'ɛvrɪ 'vælju ɪn ðə 'junɪ'vʌːs hæz dʒɔɪnd tə kən'strʌkt. wiː dɪd nɑt bɪld ðə 'bjutɪfəl 'strʌktʃəɹ: wɪ 'oːmlɪ faʊnd ɪt.

ʍɑt ɪz 'ɛksələnt,
45 æz gɑd lɪvz, ɪz 'pʌːmənənt.

Immortality

So we judge of the hope of immortality. It belongs with and fits into a structure; it is that without which you can never make the beauty or unity last, without which also the structure tends to fall apart. The arch is not yet *true* till every stone fits into place. Put the hope of immortality into the crown of the values of life, and they cohere, and all of them take on new significance. Each stone built into the structure is worth more than it is worth by itself in the field. Each stone is worth still more when the structure is finished. Refuse your keystone the place for which it seems to be fitted exactly, and you have put every precious value at risk. You are not so sure of a good God any longer. Human life is no longer so significant as it was before. You have lost worth out of love and friendship, and leveled them toward the dust. You have reduced patriotism and philanthropy to finite values, each with its price. You have taken buoyant joy and enthusiasm out of all mature men's life, and threatened them with an earlier old age. You have shaken the bases of morality and put righteousness into terms of comfort and policy. You have bidden the artist, the poet, and the prophet laugh at their visions and doubt their validity. You have distinctly shaken man's faith in logic and reason, and brought all intellectual

processes into discredit. For all that logic is for is to bind things into coherence and unity. All values, in fact, belong in the ideal realm; they go together and make a unity, or else they fall together.

Fall together? No! No man can make the great values fall, or take them apart, or hurt one of them. A man can hurt and mar his own life by his distrust, but he can mar no reality. No man's doubt can make justice, beauty, truth, love, less than real. These things are ingrained in our nature. We need only to trust them. They constitute an infinite order. They validate themselves the more we throw our weight upon them. The hope of immortality is simply the keystone, which always stands fast, beyond any man's doubt, at the crown of the structure. It fits its companion values, and they clasp it with their arms into a serene integrity. They bid us trust our lives upon the archway, which every value in the universe has joined to construct. We did not build the beautiful structure: we only found it.

What is excellent,
As God lives, is permanent.

REMARKS

This passage, from *Truth and Immortality*, an essay by Charles Fletcher Dole, represents the pronunciation of Mr. W. W. Lawrence who was born in Portland, Maine, and spent his early life there. After the usual college training at Bowdoin, and graduate discipline, especially in English and German at Harvard, he spent several years in Kansas, but for the past dozen or fifteen years he has lived in New York, regularly returning, however, for three or four months of each year to his native New England. His pronunciation represents not an extreme local New England speech, but what may be taken as a fair example of cultivated standard New England

speech. Perhaps its most interesting feature is its mixed character. This is evident, for example, in the treatment of [ɹ]. Final unstressed or lightly stressed [ɹ] is regularly present, but disappears in a heavily stressed syllable like [foːə], l. 25, or [maːɹ], l. 31. Before consonants no [ɹ] is present in [ə'paːt], l. 30, [aːmz], l. 40, [aːtʃ–], l. 41, but is present in [həɹt], l. 30, the acoustic test being positively confirmed by the organic analysis. Yet no [ɹ] is present in [wʌːθ], l. 15, or in ['junɪ'vʌːs], l. 42, ['pʌːmənənt], l. 45. In ll. 33, 34, the pronunciation [ɑ] for **are, our,** evidently represents an occasional and unsettled, not a fixed and permanent habit, see ll. 36, 41. The loss of [ɹ] in ['kʌmfət], l. 21, is a very wide spread phenomenon, noticeable even in the speech of those who commonly retain [ɹ] before consonants; cf. the pronunciation ['kʌmftəbl] for **comfortable.**

The pronunciation [laːf], l. 22, [faːst], l. 38, [klaːsp], l. 40, is consistent for this passage, but Mr. Lawrence declares that in an informal pronunciation, say if he went into a stationery store and asked for paper-clasps, he would say [klæsps]. Further examination showed that in words of this type he sometimes pronounced [aː], sometimes [æ].

The pronunciations ['kɑnstɪ'tʊt], l. 35, [mə'tʊɹ], l. 18, [ɛn'θuzɪæzm], l. 18, cannot be taken as indicating a constant preference of [ʊ], [u] for [ju] after [t], [d], etc., for sometimes, especially under full stress, the pronunciation is [ju], as in [njuː], l. 7.

The diphthongal vowel in [soʊ], l. 1, is due to an exceptionally strong stress in this word, and so also in other cases of [oʊ].

For the vowel of **not, God, what,** etc., the pronunciation [ɑ] is constant. Observe that for the accented vowel in **make, take, patriotism, they,** etc., a diphthong was not present, even under strong stress. As to final unstressed syllables, note ['beːsəz], l. 20, ['raɪtʃəsnəs], l. 20, etc., beside ['fɪtɪd], l. 11, ['lɛvɛld], l. 15. The mixed character of this pronunciation is not an individual peculiarity but is quite generally characteristic of cultivated American speech.

VII

'wɔːkɪŋ

ðə 'plɛʒəɹ əv 'ɛksəsaɪz ɪz duː fʌɪst tʊ ə 'pjʊəlɪ 'fɪzɪkl ɪm'preʃən, ænd 'sɛkəndlɪ tʊ ə sɛns əv 'paʊəɹ ɪn 'ækʃən.

ðə fʌɪst sɔɪs əv 'plɛʒəɹ, 'vɛɪɪɹz əv kɔɪs wɪð ɑʊə kən'dɪ-ʃən ænd ðə steɪt əv ðə sə'rɑʊndɪŋ 'sʌɪkəm'stænsəz; ðə 'sɛkənd wɪ ðɪ ə'mɑʊnt ænd kaɪnd əv 'pɑʊə, ænd ðɪ ɛk'stɛnt ænd kaɪnd əv 'ækʃən. ɪn ɔːl fɔɪmz əv 'ɛktɪv 'ɛksəsaɪz, ðəɹ ɑ θriː 'pɑʊəz 'saɪməl'te·nɪəslɪ ɪn 'ækʃən, — ðə wɪl, ðə 'mʌslz nd ðɪ 'ɪntɛlɛkt. iːtʃ əv ðiːz prɪ-'dɑmɪ'ne·ts ɪn 'dɪfrənt kaɪndz əv 'ɛksəsaɪz. ɪn 'wɔɪ-kɪŋ, ðə wɪl n 'mʌslz ə so ə'kʌstəmd tə wʌɪk tə'gɛðəɹ, n pə'fɔɪm ðɛə tæsk wɪð so 'lɪtl ɛk'spɛndɪtʃʊɹ əv fɔɪs ðæt ðɪ 'ɪntɛlɛkt ɪz lɛft kəm'pærɪtɪvlɪ friː. ðə 'mɛntl 'plɛʒəɹ ɪn 'wɔɪkɪŋ, əz sʌtʃ, ɪz ɪn ðə sɛns əv 'pɑʊəɹ 'ovəɹ ɔːl ɑʊə 'muːvɪŋ mə'ʃinərɪ . . .

'hɪəɹ ənd ðæɪɹ, ðə fiːld w z 'dɑtɪd wɪð smɔːl 'flɑʊəz. ʍɛr'ɛvə ju lʊkt, ju sɔː ðɛə 'goːldn hɛdz 'nɑdɪŋ ɪn ðə briːz. ðe· fɪld ðɪ æː wɪð ðɛə 'rɪtʃ 'oːdə. ɪt wəz ə 'maːvəl ðət sʌtʃ 'taɪmɪ 'blɑsəmz ʃʊd hæv so 'vɛrɪ 'hɛvɪ ə pə'fjum. ɪn 'kʌlə ðe· 'vɛːrid frəm rɪtʃ 'ɑrɪndʒ tə 'peːlɪst 'jɛlo. wʌn woːkt 'weːr lɪ fɔ 'fɪəɹ əv 'krʌʃɪŋ ðɛm 'ʌndə fʊt.

Walking

The pleasure of exercise is due first to a purely physical impression, and secondly to a sense of power in action. The first source of pleasure varies of course with our condition and the state of the surrounding circumstances; the second with the amount and kind of power; and the extent and kind of action. In all forms of active exercise there are three powers simultaneously in action, — the will, the muscles and the intellect. Each of these predominates in different kinds of exercise. In walking, the will and muscles are so accustomed to work together, and perform their task with so little expenditure of force, that the intel-

lect is left comparatively free. The mental pleasure in walking, as such, is in the sense of power over all our moving machinery . . .

Here and there, the field was dotted with small flowers. Wherever you looked, you saw their golden heads nodding in the breeze. They filled the air with their rich odor. It was a marvel that such tiny blossoms should have so very heavy a perfume. In color they varied from rich orange to palest yellow. One walked warily for fear of crushing them under foot.

REMARKS

Down to the break, this passage is from Holmes' *Autocrat*. The concluding sentences were made up for the purpose of transcription. The pronunciation is that of Mr. H. W. Wells, who has always lived in New York City, with occasional short periods of residence in New England. Final [ɹ] appears in Mr. Wells's pronunciation in unstressed syllables before vowels, and usually, though not always, before pauses. In l. 5, the two words **with the** are run together, with only one consonant between them. In l. 10, **are** is made very unemphatic, the sound being recorded as [ə], though it is better described as a weakened form of [ɑ]. Nasalization of vowels is marked in Mr. Wells's pronunciation. In strongly stressed syllables or words like **there**, l. 15, **air**, l. 17, the vowel is [æ:], but not in weak syllables, as in **there**, l. 7, **their**, ll. 16, 17, or in **varies**, l. 3, **varied**, l. 19, **warily**, l. 20. The stress in **perfume**, l. 19, as a noun, is usually on the first syllable.

VIII

daʊt

ʌn'fɔɪtʃənətlɪ dʒʌst əz aɪ wəz traɪ'ʌmfntlɪ 'ænsərɪŋ, "'sʌɪtnlɪ nɑt," ə'nʌðə 'kwɛstʃən mɑɪtʃt 'ɪntə maɪ maɪnd, ɪs'kɔ:təd baɪ ə 'vɛrɪ dɪ'faɪənt "ɔɪt."

"ɔɪt aɪ tə goʊ, ʍɛn aɪ hæv sʌtʃ ə dɪ'be:t ə'baʊt ət?"

bət ʍaɪl aɪ wəz pəˈplɛkst, nd ˈskafɪŋ æt maɪ oun ˈskruplz, ðə ˈfɛrɪ-ˈbɛl ˈsʌdnlɪ ræŋ, nd ˈænsəd ɔɪl maɪ ˈkwɛstʃənz. ɪnˈvalənˈtɛrɪlɪ aɪ ˈhʌrəd ɔn bɔəd. ðə boɪt slɪpt frəm ðə dɑk. aɪ wɛnt ʌp ɔn dɛk tʊ ɪnˈdʒɔɪ ðə vjuː əv ðə ˈsɪtɪ frəm ðə beɪ, bət dʒʌst əz aɪ sæt daʊn, n mɛnt tʊ hɛv sɛd, "haʊ ˈbjutəfəl," ə faʊnd məˈsɛlf ˈæskɪŋ, "ɔɪt aɪ tʊ hɛv kʌm?"

lɔst ɪn pəˈplɛksɪŋ dɪˈbeɪt, aɪ sɔː ˈlɪtl əv ðə ˈsɪnərɪ əv ðə beɪ; bət ðə rɪˈmɛmbrəns əv prʊu nd ðə ˈdʒɛntl ˈɪnfluəns əv ðə ˈdeɪ ˈplʌndʒd mɪ ˈɪntə ə mʊɪd əv ˈpɛnsɪv ˈrɛvərɪ ʍɪtʃ ˈnʌθɪŋ ˈtɛndəd tə dɪsˈtrɔɪ, ənˈtɪl wɪ ˈsʌdnlɪ əˈraɪvd ət ðə ˈlændɪŋ.

Doubt

Unfortunately, just as I was triumphantly answering "Certainly not!" another question marched into my mind, escorted by a very defiant *ought*.

"Ought I to go when I have such a debate about it?"

But while I was perplexed, and scoffing at my own scruples, the ferry-bell suddenly rang, and answered all my questions. Involuntarily I hurried on board. The boat slipped from the dock. I went up on deck to enjoy the view of the city from the bay, but just as I sat down, and meant to have said "how beautiful!" I found myself asking:

"Ought I to have come?"

Lost in perplexing debate, I saw little of the scenery of the bay; but the remembrance of Prue and the gentle influence of the day plunged me into a mood of pensive reverie which nothing tended to destroy, until we suddenly arrived at the landing.

REMARKS

The passage is from George William Curtis, *Prue and I*, and the transcription is the reading pronunciation of Mr. George Summey, Jr., a native of Kentucky, of North Carolina parentage, who has lived in South Carolina, Tennessee, and since the age of twenty-three in North Carolina. His manner of speech would strike any attentive observer as Southern, but not markedly so. His speech is slow, and more attention is given to unstressed syllables than is customary, though the vowels are not necessarily made clearer.

l. 1. [ʌn'fɔːtʃənətlɪ]. There is no trace of a consonant for **r** before consonants and finally.

l. 4. [ət]. Very lightly stressed.

l. 5. ['skɑfɪŋ]. The more usual pronunciation is ['skɔfɪŋ].

l. 7. ['hʌrəd]. A more common standard pronunciation would be ['hʌrɪd], or ['hʌrid], the latter to be preferred.

[bɔəd]. The vowel is distinctly short.

[bɔːt]. No trace of diphthongal quality, but when final, as in [goʊ], l. 4, the diphthong is present.

l. 10. ['bjutəfəl]. In a word like this, if one had a mark for accent indicating a degree between half-stress and unstressed, one would employ it on the second and third syllables to suggest Mr. Summey's pronunciation. More commonly pronounced ['bjutɪfəl].

l. 12. ['sɪnərɪ]. The vowel of the first syllable is not usually lowered.

l. 13. [prʊu]. The diphthong very distinct, perhaps because of the slow tempo.

['ɪnfluəns]. More commonly, ['ɪnfluəns].

l. 14. [mʊːd]. For common standard [muːd].

IX

'θænə'tɑpsəs

tu hɪm hu ɪn ðə lʌv əv 'neɪtʃəɹ hoɪldz
kə'mjunjən wɪθ həɹ 'vɪzɪbl fəːɪmz, ʃɪ spiːks
ə 'veɪrɪəs 'læŋgwɪdʒ; fɔɹ ɪz 'geɪəɹ 'aʊəɹz
ʃɪ hæz ə vɔɪs əv 'glædnəs, nd ə smaɪl

nd ˈɛləkwənz əv ˈbjutɪ, nd ʃɪ glaɪdz
ɪntu hɪz ˈdaɪɹkəɹ ˈmjuzɪŋz, wɪθ ə maɪld
nd ˈhiːlɪŋ ˈsɪmpəθɪ ðət stiːlz əˈweɪ
ðɛɹ ˈʃaɪɹpnəs, ɛɪɹ hi ɪz əˈwɛɪɹ. ʍɛn θɔɪts
əv ðə læst ˈbɪtəɹ ˈaʊəɹ kʌm laɪk ə blaɪt
ˈovəɹ ðaɪ ˈspɪrət, nd sæd ˈɪmɪdʒəz
əv ðə stəɪn ˈægənɪ, nd ʃraʊd, nd pɔːl,
nd ˈbrɛθləs ˈdaɪɹknəs, nd ðə ˈnæro haʊs,
meɪk ðɪ tə ˈʃʌdəɹ, nd groɪ sɪk æt haɪɹt; —
goɪ fɔɪɹθ ˈʌndəɹ ðɪ ˈoɪpn skaɪ, nd lɪst
tə ˈneɪtʃəɹz ˈtiːɪtʃɪŋz, ʍaɪl frəm ɔɪl əˈraʊnd —
əɹθ nd həɹ ˈwʊtəɹz nd ðə dɛpθs əv ɛɪɹ —
kʌmz ə stɪl vɔɪs.

Thanatopsis

To him who in the love of Nature holds
Communion with her visible forms, she speaks
A various language; for his gayer hours
She has a voice of gladness, and a smile
And eloquence of beauty, and she glides
Into his darker musings, with a mild
And healing sympathy, that steals away
Their sharpness, ere he is aware. When thoughts
Of the last bitter hour come like a blight
Over thy spirit, and sad images
Of the stern agony, and shroud, and pall,
And breathless darkness, and the narrow house,
Make thee to shudder, and grow sick at heart; —
Go forth, under the open sky, and list
To Nature's teachings, while from all around —
Earth and her waters, and the depths of air —
Comes a still voice.

REMARKS

This passage represents the informal reading pronunciation of Mr. F. L. Mott, a native and resident of Iowa. The only pronunciations which call for comment are [θɔːts], l. 8, which has been recorded with [ɔː], but which has a sound between [ɑː] and [ɔː]; in l. 16 ['wɑtəɹz] has distinctly [ɑ]; in ll. 2, 6, with has a voiceless final consonant. For **r** final and before consonants the transcription [ɹ] has been used, though perhaps the sound is nearer [r].

X

æn 'ɛlə'veːtəd 'kɑnvər'seːʃən

aɪ wəz 'goɪɪŋ dɑʊn tɑʊn ɔn ðɪ 'ɛlə'veːtəd ðɪs 'æftər-'nuːn nd pæst ðə taɪm baɪ 'lɪsnɪŋ tə ðə 'kɑnvər'seːʃən əv ə 'nʌmbər əv 'skuːl-'gərlz. ðəˑ wər frəm wʌn əv ðə 'sɪtɪ 'haɪ-'skuːlz, n wər drest laɪk ðə 'dɔːtərz əv 'wɛl-tə-'duː 'pɛːrənts. ðeˑ wər ɔːl 'vɛrɪ mʌtʃ ɪk'saɪtəd 'ovər n ɪgzæmɪ'neːʃən ɪn 'ɪŋglɪʃ 'lɪtərə'tʃʊr ʍɪtʃ əd bɪn held ɪn ðə skuːl ðæt 'məːrnɪŋ. wʌn əv ðə gərlz siːmd 'vɛrɪ mʌtʃ dɪs'tərbd 'ovər ðɪ 'ænsər tə wʌn əv ðə 'kwɛstʃənz. "o gərlz," ʃɪ sɛd, "aɪ wɑnt ə noʊ ə'bɑʊt ðoːz oʊdz. aɪ noː wʌn wəz baɪ kiːts n wʌn wəz baɪ 'ʃɛlɪ, n aɪ noː wʌn wəz ə'bɑʊt ə 'skaɪ-'lɑːrk n wʌn wəz ə'bɑʊt ə 'naɪtən'geːl, bət aɪ doːnt noː 'ʍɛðər aɪ gɑt ðəm streːt." "ʍaɪ," 'ænsərd wʌn əv hər kəm'pænjənz, "'ʃɛlɪ roːt ðə wʌn ə'bɑʊt ðə 'naɪtən'geːl n kiːts ðə wʌn ə'bɑʊt ðə 'skaɪ-'lɑːrk." "ðɛːr nɑʊ," moːnd ðə gərl huː hæd æskt ðə 'kwɛstʃən, "ɪznt ðæt tuː bæd! aɪ dʒʌst nuː aɪd gɛt ðoːz bəɪdz mɪkst, n aɪ dɪd."

An Elevated Conversation

I was going down town on the Elevated this afternoon and passed the time by listening to the conver-

sation of a number of school-girls. They were from one of the city high-schools, and were dressed like the daughters of well-to-do parents. They were all very much excited over an examination in English literature which had been held in the school that morning. One of the girls seemed very much disturbed over the answer to one of the questions. "O girls," she said, "I want to know about these odes. I know one was by Shelley and one was by Keats, and I know one was about a sky-lark and one was about a nightingale, but I don't know whether I get them straight." "Why," answered one of her companions, "Shelley wrote the one about the nightingale and Keats the one about the sky-lark." "There now," moaned the girl who had asked the question, "isn't that too bad! I just knew I'd get those boids mixed, and I did."

REMARKS

This represents the conversational pronunciation of Mr. G. W. Mead, practically all of whose life has been passed in the Middle West. There is no [ɹ] in Mr. Mead's pronunciation, except occasionally in unstressed final syllables. In l. 6 ['lɪtərə'tʂʊr] is a somewhat formal pronunciation for informal ['lɪtərətʂəɹ]. For **want**, the transcription is [wɑnt], l. 9, and so it would be generally in this pronunciation for words like **watch**, **water**, **swan**, etc. A rather slow tempo accounts for the diphthongs in [noʊ], l. 9, [oʊdz], l. 10, both stressed. But [no:], l. 10, is only relatively lightly stressed. For ['naɪtən'ge:l], l. 12, ['naɪtn'ge:l] might have been written. In l. 17 [bəɪdz] is New York dialect for **birds**.

XI

rɪp væn 'wɪŋkl

æz hɪ wəz ə'bæʊt tə dɪ'sɛnd, hɪ hʌɪd ə vɔɪs frəm ə 'dɪstəns 'hælʊɪŋ, "rɪp væn 'wɪŋkl! rɪp væn 'wɪŋkl!"

hɪ lʊkt ræʊnd, bət kʊd siː ˈnʌθɪŋ bət ə kroʊ, ˈwɪŋɪŋ ɪts ˈsɑlɪˌtɛrɪ flaɪt əˈkrɔs ðə ˈmæʊntn. hɪ θɔɪt ɪz ˈfænsɪ mʌst əv dɪˈsiːvd ɪm, nd tʌɪnd əˈgɛn tʊ dɪˈsɛnd, ʍɛn hɪ hʌɪd ðə sɛɪm kraɪ rɪŋ θrʊɪ ðə stɪl ˈiːvnɪŋ ɛɪə; "rɪp væn ˈwɪŋkl! rɪp væn ˈwɪŋkl!" — æt ðə sɛɪm taɪm wʊlf ˈbrɪsld ʌp hɪz bæk, nd ˈgɪvɪŋ ə loʊ ˈgræʊəl, skʌlkt tʊ hɪz ˈmæstəz saɪd, ˈlʊkɪŋ ˈfɪəflɪ dæʊn ˈɪntʊ ðə glɛn. rɪp næʊ fɛlt ə vɛɪg æprɪˈhɛnʃən ˈstiːlɪŋ ˈovə hɪm; hɪ lʊkt ˈæŋʃəslɪ ɪn ðə sɛɪm dɪˈrɛkʃən, nd pəˈsiːvd ə streɪmdʒ ˈfɪgjə ˈsloʊlɪ ˈtɔɪlɪŋ ʌp ðə rʌks, nd ˈbɛndɪŋ ˈʌndə ðə weɪt əv ˈsʌmθɪŋ hɪ ˈkærɪd ɔn hɪz bæk. hɪ wəz səˈpraɪzd tə siː ˈɛnɪ ˈhjumən ˈbiːɪŋ ɪn ðɪs ˈloʊnlɪ nd ʌnˈfrɪkwɛntɪd pleɪs; bət səˈpoɪzɪŋ ɪt tə bi ˈsʌmˌwʌn əv ðə ˈneɪbəˌhʊd ɪn niːd əv hɪz əˈsɪstəns, hɪ ˈheɪsnd dæʊn tə jiːld ɪt.

ɔn ˈnɪrə əˈproɪtʃ hɪ wəz stɪl mɔɪ səˈpraɪzd æt ðə sɪŋgjuˈlɛrɪtɪ əv ðə ˈstreɪmdʒəz əˈpɪrənz. hɪ wəz ə ʃɔɪt ˈskweə-ˌbɪlt old ˈfɛlo, wɪð θɪk ˈbʊʃɪ ˈhɛɪə nd ə ˈgrɪzld ˈbɪəd. hɪz drɛs wəz əv ðɪ ænˈtiːk dʌtʃ ˈfæʃn: ə klɔθ ˈdʒəɹkn stræpt ræʊnd ðə weɪst, ˈsɛvrəl ˈpɛɪə əv ˈbrɪtʃɪz, ðə ˈæʊtə wʌn əv ˈæmpl ˈvʌljəm, ˈdɛkəˌreˑtɪd wɪð roʊz əv ˈbʌtnz dæʊn ðə saɪdz, nd ˈbʌntʃəz æt ðə niːz. hɪ bɔɪr ɔn hɪz ˈʃoɪldə ə stæʊt kɛg, ðæt siːmd fʌl əv ˈlɪkə, nd meˑd saɪnz fə rɪp tə əˈproɪtʃ nd əˈsɪst ɪm wɪθ ðə loʊd. ðo ˈræðə ʃaɪ nd dɪsˈtrʌstfəl əv ðɪs nju əˈkweˑntns, rɪp kəmˈplaɪd wɪð ɪz ˈjuʒjəl əˈlækrɪtɪ; nd ˈmjutʃuəlɪ rɪˈlɪɪvɪŋ wʌn əˈnʌðə, ðeˑ ˈklæmbəd ʌp ə ˈnæro ˈgʌlɪ, əˈpɛɪrəntlɪ ðə draɪ bɛd əv ə ˈmæʊntn ˈtɔrənt.

. . .

jɛs, ðæt ˈɛldəlɪ ˈleˑdɪ ɪz ˈmɪzəz wʌɪθ. ʃi lɪvz ɪn ˈtʃɑːɪlstn. ðə tu gʌːlz ɑː hə ˈdɔːtəz, ðə ˈmɪsɪs wʌːθ. ˈmɪzəz wʌːθ ɪz ə greˑt ˈlʌvə əv ˈmjuzɪk, nd ˈræːlɪ ˈɛvə

ˈmɪsəz ə ˈsɪmfənɪ ˈkɑnˈsʌɪt. ɪn ðə ˈsʌmə ʃi spɛndz ə
35 greːt diːl əv hə taɪm ɪn ðə ˈgaːɪdn, ˈwətərɪŋ nd ˈtrɪmɪŋ
hə plænts. ʃi ɪz pəˈtɪkjəlɪ fənd əv pəˈtuːɪnjəz.

Rip Van Winkle

As he was about to descend, he heard a voice from a distance, hallooing, "Rip Van Winkle! Rip Van Winkle!" He looked round, but could see nothing but a crow winging its solitary flight across the mountain. He thought his fancy must have deceived him, and turned again to descend, when he heard the same cry ring through the still evening air; "Rip Van Winkle! Rip Van Winkle!" — at the same time Wolf bristled up his back, and giving a low growl, skulked to his master's side, looking fearfully down into the glen. Rip now felt a vague apprehension stealing over him; he looked anxiously in the same direction, and perceived a strange figure slowly toiling up the rocks, and bending under the weight of something he carried on his back. He was surprised to see any human being in this lonely and unfrequented place; but supposing it to be someone of the neighborhood in need of his assistance, he hastened down to yield it.

On nearer approach he was still more surprised at the singularity of the stranger's appearance. He was a short, square-built old fellow, with thick bushy hair, and a grizzled beard. His dress was of the antique Dutch fashion: a cloth jerkin strapped round the waist, several pair of breeches, the outer one of ample volume, decorated with rows of buttons down the sides, and bunches at the knees. He bore on his shoulder a stout keg, that seemed full of liquor, and

made signs for Rip to approach and assist him with the load. Though rather shy and distrustful of this new acquaintance, Rip complied with his usual alacrity; and mutually relieving one another, they clambered up a narrow gully, apparently the dry bed of a mountain torrent.

. . .

Yes, that elderly lady is Mrs. Worth. She lives in Charleston. The two girls are her daughters, the Misses Worth. Mrs. Worth is a great lover of music, and rarely ever misses a symphony concert. In the summer she spends a great deal of time in her garden, watering and trimming her plants. She is particularly fond of petunias.

REMARKS

This passage down to the break represents the slightly formal reading pronunciation of a paragraph or two from Irving's *Rip Van Winkle* as read by Miss Susan Lewis, a native and always a resident of Texas. After the break come several made-up sentences of somewhat less formal character. The tempo was rather slow, the diphthongal quality of some sounds being thus more marked than ordinarily. For **jerkin**, l. 22, a somewhat literary and unfamiliar word, we have ['dʒəɹkn], probably as a spelling-pronunciation, since **r** is regularly omitted by Miss Lewis before consonants. In final position, **r** is also silent, even before words beginning with a vowel, except [bɔːr], l. 25, where the [r] is perhaps due to the [ɔː], see above, § 305. In the concluding passage, compare the pronunciation of **Mrs.**, **Misses** and **misses**, and for **Mrs.**, see above, § 320. As Miss Lewis pronounces **Mrs.**, the word is almost a monosyllable with a long final consonant. For **rarely**, l. 33, perhaps the transcription should be ['ræːəlɪ]. The stressing of **concert** ['kɑn'sʌːt], l. 34, is noteworthy. In general the vowel [ʌː] is only slightly tense in Miss Lewis's pronunciation. In l. 26 [wɪθ ðə] is a good example of phonetic differentiation, the voiceless consonant in [wɪθ] being evidently assumed to keep the word separate from [ðə].

XII

'hæmlɪts spiːtʃ

spiːk ðə spiːtʃ, aɪ preɪ ju, æz aɪ prə'nɑunst ɪt tʊ ju, 'trɪpɪŋlɪ ɔn ðə tʌŋ; bət ɪf ju mɑuð ɪt, æz 'mɛnɪ əv juə 'pleɪəz duɪ, aɪ hæd æz liːf ðə tɑun 'kraɪə spoɪk maɪ laɪnz. nə du nət sɔː ðɪ ɛɪə tuː mʌtʃ wɪð juə hænd, ðʌs, bət juz ɔːl 'dʒɛntlɪ; fɔɪ ɪn ðə 'vɛrɪ 'tɔrɛnt, 'tɛmpɪst, ænd æz aɪ meɪ seɪ, ðə 'ʍɛɪl'wɪnd əv 'pæʃən, ju mʌst ə'kwaɪəɹ ənd bɪ'gɛt ə 'tɛmpərəns ðæt me· gɪv ɪt 'smuɪðnəs. o ɪt ə'fɛndz mi tə ðə soʊl tʊ hɪɹ ə ro'bʌstʃəs 'pɛrɪ'wɪg-'peɪtəd 'fɛlo tɛɪɹ ə 'pæʃən tʊ 'tætəz, tʊ 'vɛrɪ rægz, tʊ splɪt ðɪ 'ɪəz əv ðə 'grɑundlɪŋz, huɪ fɔ ðə most pɑɪt ɑɪ 'keɪpəbl əv 'nʌθɪŋ bʌt ɪn'ɛksplɪkəbl 'dʌm-'ʃoʊz ænd nɔɪz. aɪ kʊd hæv sʌtʃ ə 'fɛlo ʍɪpt fɔɹ 'ɔɪ'duɪɪŋ 'tɛɪməgənt; ɪt 'ɑʊt'hɛrədz 'hɛrəd; preɪ ju ə'vɔɪd ɪt.

biː nət tʊ teɪm 'niːðəɹ, bət lɛt juəɹ oʊn dɪs'krɛʃən bɪ juə 'tjutəɹ; sjut ðɪ 'ækʃən tʊ ðə weɪd, ðə weɪd tə ðɪ 'ækʃən; wɪð ðɪs 'spɛʃəl əb'zɛɪvəns, ðætʃʊ 'ɔɪ'stɛp nət ðə 'mədəstɪ əv 'neɪtʃəɹ; fɔɹ 'ɛnɪ'θɪŋ so 'ovə'dʌn ɪz frɔm ðə 'pɛɪpəs əv 'pleɪɪŋ, huz ɛnd, boθ æt ðə fɛɪst ænd nɑʊ, wəz ænd ɪz, tʊ hould, æz twɛɪɹ, ðə 'mɪrəɹ ʌp tʊ 'neɪtʃəɹ; tʊ ʃoʊ 'vɛɪtʃʊ həɹ oʊn 'fiːtʃəɹ, skɔɪm həɹ oʊn 'ɪmɪdʒ, ænd ðə 'vɛrɪ ɛɪdʒ ənd 'bɔdɪ əv ðə taɪm, hɪz fɔɪm ənd 'preʃəɹ. nɑʊ ðɪs 'ovə'dʌn, ɔ kʌm 'taɪdɪ ɔɪf, ðo ɪt me·k ðɪ ʌn'skɪlfəl laɪf, 'kæ'nɔt bət me·k ðə dʒʊ'dɪʃəs griːv; ðə 'sɛnʃəɹ əv ðə ʍɪtʃ wʌn mʌst ɪn juəɹ ə'lɑʊənz, 'ɔɪ'weɪ ə houl 'θɪətəɹ əv 'ʌðəz.

Hamlet's Speech

Speak the speech, I pray you, as I pronounced it to you, trippingly on the tongue; but if you mouth it, as

many of your players do, I had as lief the town-crier spoke my lines. Nor do not saw the air too much with your hand, thus, but use all gently; for in the very torrent, tempest, and, as I may say, the whirlwind of passion, you must acquire and beget a temperance that may give it smoothness. O, it offends me to the soul to hear a robustious periwig-pated fellow tear a passion to tatters, to very rags, to split the ears of the groundlings, who for the most part are capable of nothing but inexplicable dumb-shows and noise. I would have such a fellow whipped for o'erdoing Termagant; it outherods Herod; pray you, avoid it.

Be not too tame neither, but let your own discretion be your tutor; suit the action to the word, the word to the action; with this special observance, that you o'erstep not the modesty of nature; for anything so overdone is from the purpose of playing, whose end, both at first and now, was and is, to hold, as 't were, the mirror up to nature; to show virtue her own feature, scorn her own image, and the very age and body of the time his form and pressure. Now this overdone, or come tardy off, though it make the unskilful laugh, cannot but make the judicious grieve; the censure of the which one must in your allowance o'erweigh a whole theater of others.

REMARKS

The transcription of this passage from *Hamlet*, Act III, Scene II, represents the pronunciation of Miss Theodora Ursula Irvine, a professional teacher of public speaking, who has given particular attention to training students for the stage. The passage is not rendered in a highly formal, dramatic style, but as the sense of it would seem to demand, in what might be called a formal natural

style. The tempo is somewhat slower than conversation, and some sounds are given clearer and different values than they would have in familiar style. Long [e] and [o] are more diphthongal than they customarily are in American speech.

l. 2. [jʊə]. A final [ɹ] is distinctly present when the succeeding word begins with a vowel, or in logically prominent words followed by a pause. When final before immediately following words with a consonant, no **r** is audible in Miss Irvine's pronunciation, though internally **r** before a consonant is sometimes given audible value, sometimes not. This is so slight, however, that it seemed better not to record it in the transcription. Intervocalic **r** is commonly trilled by Miss Irvine, though not strongly, but **r** after a consonant, as in ['trɪpɪŋlɪ], l. 2, is not trilled. The most notable feature of Miss Irvine's pronunciation is the value given to vowels **e, i** in stressed syllables before **r** followed by a consonant. This has been transcribed as [ɛː], as in ll. 6, 13, 16, 19, 21. The symbol is not adequate, however, since the sound is not the same as the vowel of **there, where**, etc., but may be described as a mid front tense neutral vowel, which is kept distinct from both [ʌː] and [ə].

Miss Irvine pronounces **your** as [jʊə] or [jɔə] indifferently. Words with 'long **o**' are not always strongly diphthongal, sometimes not at all, as in [spoːk], l. 3. In l. 8 the exclamation [o] is short and not strongly stressed.

For **o** in **not**, l. 4, **modesty**, l. 18, **body**, l. 22, etc., Miss Irvine's sound is closer to [ɔ] than to [ɑ].

XIII

'groɪŋ oːld

fəɹ 'fɔɹtɪ 'jɪəɪz nekst 'iːstəɹ deɪ,
hɪm n miː ɪn wɪnd n 'wɛðəɹ
həv bɪn ə-'gɪtn bɛnt n greɪ
'məgn ə'lɔŋ tə'gɛðəɹ.

wɪɹ nɑt so 'vɛrɪ oːld, əv kɔɪs!
bət stɪl, wɪ eɪnt so 'ɔɪfəl spraɪ
əz ʌɛn wɪ went tə 'sɪŋən-'skuːl

ə'fʊt n krəs lʊts, hɪm n aɪ —
n wəɪkt bæk hoɪm ðə 'loŋgəst weɪ —
n ðə muɪn ə-ʃaɪnən ɔn ðə snoʊ,
'meɪkn ðə roɪd əz braɪt əz deɪ
n hɪz vəɪs 'təɪkn loʊ.

lænd seɪks! dʒɛst 'hɪəɹ mɪ təɪk —
fəɹ ɔɪl ðə wəɹld, dʒɛst laɪk ə gəɹl,
miː — nɪɹlɪ 'sɪkstɪ! — 'wɛl — ə — 'wɛl!
aɪ wʌz so təɪl n strɔŋ, ðə kəɹl
ɪn maɪ 'hɛɪəɹ, sɪm sɛd, wəz laɪk
ðə 'krɪŋklz ɪn ə 'mɛdəɹ brʊk,
so braʊn n braɪt! bət 'ðɛɪəɹ!

aɪ gɛs hɪ gʊt ət frʌm ə bʊk.
hɪz təɪk ɪn ðɛm ðɛɪ deɪz wəz fʊl
əv dʒɛst sɛtʃ 'nɑnˈsɛns — 'doːntʃu θɪŋk
aɪ 'dɪdnt laɪk ət, fəɹ aɪ dɪd!
aɪ wəɪkt ə'loŋ ðɛɪɹ glæd tə drɪŋk
hɪz wəɹdz ɪn laɪk ðə brɛθ ə laɪf —
'hɛvənz n əɹθ, ʍʌt fuːlz wi 'wɪmən biː!
n ʍɛn hɪ æst mɪ fəɹ ɪz waɪf,
aɪ 'ænsəɹd 'jɛs,' əv kəɹs, jə siː.

n ðɛn kʌm wəɹk, n 'trʌbl bɪt —
nʊt mʌtʃ taɪm fəɹ 'lʌvˈtəɪk ðɛn!
wɪ bəɪt ə fʊɪm n 'məɹgɪdʒd ɪt,
n wəɪkt n sleɪvd laɪk ɔɪl pə'sɛst
tə lɪft ðæt 'tərəbl 'graɪndn weɪt.

aɪ wəɪʃt n tʃəɹnd n soʊd —
n 'tʃɪldəɹn kʌm, tɪl wɪ hæd eɪt

əz ˈhænsəm beɪbz əz ˈɛvəɹ groʊd
tə wɔɪk bəˈsaɪd ə ˈmʌðəɹz niɪ.
ðeˑ hɛlpt mɪ beɪɹ ɪt ɔɪl, jə siɪ.

ɪt eɪnt bɪn ˈnʌθən ɛls bət skɹʌb
n ɹʌb n beɪk n stuɪ
ðə hʌl, hʌl taɪm, ovəɹ stoɪv əɪ tʌb —
no taɪm tə ɹɛst əz mɛn foɪks duɪ. —
aɪ tɛl jə, səmˈtaɪmz aɪ sɪt n θɪŋk
haʊ naɪs ðə greɪv l biɪ, dʒɛst
wʌn naɪs, swiɪt, ˈɛvəɹˈlæstn ɹɛst!

o doɪnt lʊk ˈskɛəɹt! aɪ miɪn
dʒɛst ʍæt aɪ seɪ. eɪnt ˈkɹeɪzɪ jɛt,
bət ɪts əˈnʌf tə meɪk mɪ soʊ —
əv kɔɪs ɪt eɪnt no jus tə fɹɛt —
hu sɛd ɪt wʌz? ɪts ˈnætʃəɹl, ðoʊ,
bət oʊ, ɪf aɪ wəz ˈoɪnlɪ ˈðɛɪəɹ —
ɪn ðə pæst, n jʌŋ wʌns ˈmɔɪəɹ —
n hæd ðə ˈkɹɪŋklz ɪn maɪ ˈhɛɪəɹ —
n ɑɪɪmz əz ɹaʊnd n stɹɔŋ, n saɪd
əz ɪt wəz ðɛn! — aɪd — aɪd —

aɪd duɪ ət ɔɪl ˈovəɹ əˈgɛn, laɪk ə fuɪl,
aɪ spoɪz! aɪd teɪk ðə peɪn
n wəɹk n ˈwʌɹɪ, beɪbz n ɔɪl.
aɪ spoɪz θɪŋz goʊ baɪ sʌm bɪg ruɪl
əv gʊdz oʊn bʊk, bət maɪ oʊl breɪn
kænt fɪks əm ʌp, so aɪl dʒɛst weɪt
n duɪ maɪ dutɪ ʍɛn ɪts ˈklɪəɹ,
n tɹʌst tə hɪm tə meɪk ət streɪt.
— — — ˈgʊdnəs! nuɪn ɪz ˈɔlmoˑst ˈhɪəɹ
n ðɛɹ ðə mɛn kʌm θɹuɪ ðə geɪt!

Growing Old

F'r forty years next Easter day,
Him and me in wind and weather
Have been a-gittin' bent 'n' gray
Moggin' along together.

We're not so *very* old, of course!
But still, we ain't so awful spry
As when we went to singin'-school
Afoot and 'cross lots, him and I —
And walked back home the longest way —
An' the moon a-shinin' on the snow,
Makin' the road as bright as day
An' his voice talkin' low.

Land sakes! Jest hear me talk —
F'r all the world, jest like a girl,
Me — nearly sixty! — Well — a — well!
I *was* so tall and strong, the curl
In my hair, Sim said, was like
The crinkles in a medder brook,
So brown and bright! but there!
I guess he got it from a book.

His talk in them there days was full
Of jest sech nonsense — Don't you think
I didn't like it, for I did!
I walked along there, glad to drink
His words in like the breath o' life —
Heavens and earth, what fools we women be!
And when he asked me for his wife,
I answered 'yes,' of course, y' see.

And then come work, and trouble bit —
Not much time for love talk then!
We bought a farm and mortgaged it,
And worked and slaved like all possessed
To lift that turrible grindin' weight.

I washed and churned and sewed —
An' childurn come, till we had eight
As han'some babes as ever growed
To walk beside a mother's knee.
They helped me bear it all, y' see.

It ain't been nothin' else but scrub
An' rub and bake and stew
The hull, hull time, over stove or tub —
No time to rest as men folks do. —
I tell yeh, sometimes I sit and think
How nice the grave 'll be, jest
One nice, sweet, everlastin' rest.

O don't look scart! I mean
Jest what I say. Ain't crazy yet,
But its enough to make me so —
Of course it ain't no use to fret —
Who said it was? It's nacherl, though,
But O, if I was only there —
In the past, and young once more —
An' had the crinkles in my hair —
An' arms as round and strong, and side
As it was then! — I'd — I'd —

I'd do it all over again, like a fool,
I s'pose! I'd take the pain

An' work an' worry, babes and all.
I s'pose things go by some big rule
Of God's own book, but my ol' brain
Can't fix 'um up, so I'll just wait
An' do my duty when it's clear,
An' trust to Him to make it straight.
— — — Goodness! noon is almost here,
And there the men come through the gate!

REMARKS

From *Prairie Songs*, by Hamlin Garland, pp. 142–144. The volume was published in 1893, and the poem represents a rustic dialect of the Middle West, specifically Iowa, as spoken by the pioneer settlers. It has now passed out of existence, except for sporadic survivals in country districts which have been only slightly affected by the leveling influences of public school instruction.

In this and the following dialect passages, the author's method has been to transcribe as dialectal only what it seems to have been the intention of the original writers of the passages to indicate by means of spelling as dialectal. Otherwise the passages have been transcribed in familiar colloquial style, appropriate to the general tone of the writings, but not necessarily peculiar to any particular dialect. It should be remembered that writers of dialect literature seldom endeavor to indicate dialect features either exhaustively or systematically. Mr. Garland has made no attempt to indicate different kinds of **r** in this poem, but **r** before consonants and finally is usually [r] in Iowa speech, both dialect and cultivated, or even at times back **r**, see § 44.

XIV

'jæŋkɪ spɪɪtʃ

næʊ ɪz ðə 'wɪntə əv 'æʊə 'dɪskən'tɛnt
mɛd 'glorɪəs 'sʌmə baɪ ðɪs sʌn ə jɔɪk,
n ɔɪl ðə 'klæʊdz ðət læʊəd ə'pʌn æʊə hæʊs
ɪn ðə diːp 'bʌzəm ə ðɪ 'oɪʃm 'bɛrid;

næʊ ɛə æʊə bræʊz bæʊnd ɪð vɪk'torɪəs ri:ðz;
æʊə 'brju:zɪd aɪmz hʌŋ ʌp fə 'mənɪ'mɛns;
æʊə staɪm ə'lɑrəmz 'tʃændʒd tə'mɛrɪ 'mi:tɪŋz,
æʊə 'drɛfl 'maɪtʃɪz tə də'laɪfl 'me:ʒəz.
'grɪm-'vɪzɪdʒd wɔ: hɛθ 'smju:ðd hɪz 'rɪŋkld frʌnt,
n næʊ, ɪn'stɪd ə 'mæʊntɪn 'bɛəbɪd sti:dz
tə fraɪt ðə soʊlz ə 'fʌ:fl 'ɛdvə'sɛriz,
hi 'ke:pəz 'nɪmlɪ ɪn ə 'le:dɪz 'tʃæmbə,
tə ðə lə'sɪvɪəs 'pli:zɪŋ əv ə lu:t.

Yankee Speech

Neow is the winta uv eour discontent
Med glorious summa by this sun o' Yock,
An' all the cleouds thet leowered upun eour heouse
In the deep buzzum o' the oshin buried;
Neow air eour breows beound 'ith victorious wreaths;
Eour breused arms hung up fer monimunce;
Eour starn alarums changed to merry meetins,
Eour dreffle marches to delighfle masures.
Grim-visaged war heth smeuthed his wrinkled front,
An' neow, instid o' mountin' barebid steeds
To fright the souls o' ferfle edverseries,
He capers nimly in a lady's chămber,
To the lascivious pleasin' uv a loot.

Now is the winter of our discontent
Made glorious summer by this sun of York,
And all the clouds that lour'd upon our house
In the deep bosom of the ocean buried;
Now are our brows bound with victorious wreaths;
Our bruised arms hung up for monuments;
Our stern alarums changed to merry meetings,

Our dreadful marches to delightful measures.
Grim-visaged war hath smooth'd his wrinkled front,
And now, instead of mounting barbed steeds
To fright the souls of fearful adversaries,
He capers nimbly in a lady's chamber,
To the lascivious pleasing of a lute.

REMARKS

In the introduction to the First Series of the *Biglow Papers*, Lowell gave a version of the opening lines of *Richard III*, using the ordinary spelling to indicate as exactly as he could the pronunciation of the rustic Yankee of his day. Lowell's spelling is given here for the sake of comparison with the phonetic transcription of it which precedes it. The passage represents dialect New England speech of the middle of the last century, but many of the characteristics indicated by Lowell still survive. The author has profited by a phonetic transcription of the passage made by Professor Grandgent, in *From Franklin to Lowell, A Century of New England Pronunciation*, Publications of the Modern Language Association, Vol. VII (New Series), p. 239 (1899).

After having given a description of New England dialect speech, Lowell adds, "To the dish thus seasoned, add a drawl *ad libitum*," but he does not try to represent the drawl.

l. 1. [næʊ]. As the first element in the diphthong, [æ] for [ɑ] is still heard in New England and in certain regions of the South.

l. 3. [ə'pʌn]. Still current dialectally.

l. 6. ['brju:zɪd]. See also ['smju:ðd], l. 9. Grandgent, in the article cited above, pp. 224–226, notes a confusion in the use of [u] and [ju] in New England speech which was at its height about 1820 and which affected both polite and dialect speech. As a result a pronunciation [ju] was often transferred to words where it was organically difficult to pronounce, as in ['brju:zɪd] or where it did not historically belong, as in ['smju:ðd].

l. 7. [stɑ:n]. The pronunciation of **e** followed by **r** and a consonant as [ɑ:], which still persists in England, e.g., in **clerk** [klɑ:k], **Derby** ['dɑ:bɪ], etc., is nowhere current in cultivated American speech and has almost if not completely disappeared from the dia-

lects. New England words which are pronounced with [ɑ:] are written with **a**, as in **Marcy** from older **Mercy**, **darn**, the expletive, from older **dern** (which of course also persists as [dəɹn, dʌɹn]), **tarnal** probably from **eternal**.

XV

'ɑ:ɹtɪ ənd 'klɔ:dɪ

"'Mɛɹsɪɪ æt?" rɪ'pitəd ðə 'mɛsɪndʒəɹ bəɪ . . . Mɛn hɪ æskt "'Mɛɹsɪɪ æt?" hɪ prə'nɑʊnst ɪt "'Mɛɹsɪɪ," ənd ɪn ɔ:l hɪz 'sʌbsɪkwənt tɔ:k, hɪ ge:v ðə "s" ə sɔft ənd 'hɪsɪŋ sɑʊnd wɛl prə'lɔŋd, tu ðə 'ɛvədənt ɪn'dʒɔɪmənt əv 'ɑ:ɹtɪ ənd ðə maɪld 'wʌndəɹmənt əv 'mɪləɹ.

"Mɛɹz hu: æt?" dɪ'mændəd 'ɑ:ɹtɪ, ə'dɑptɪŋ ə frɑʊn ənd ə haɪɹʃ 'mænəɹ.

"waɪ, tə 'fɔ:ɹ-'aɪd nɑbz dæt sent mɪ ɑʊt ɔn tə sɑʊt saɪd."

"ɑɹ ju ðə se:m 'lɪtl bəɪ? 'wʊdnt ðæt frɔst jə, ðoʊ, 'mɪləɹ? ðɪs əz 'lɪtl 'braɪt-'aɪz ðət tʊk ðə no:t fəɹ hɔ:l."

"ɔ:, Məts 'i:tn jə?" æskt ðə bəɪ, 'gɪvɪŋ ə 'wɔ:ɹ'laɪk kəɹl tə ðə 'kɔɹnəɹz əv hɪz mɑʊθ.

"oɪʊ, ɑɪʊ! 'lɪsn tə ðæt. aɪl 'bɛtʃəɹ ðə 'tʌfəst bəɪ ðət 'ɛvəɹ 'hæpnd. 'MɑtʃU bɪn 'duən ɔ:l deɪ, 'pleɪən 'mɑ:ɹblz fəɹ kɪ:ps əɹ 'stændn ɪn frʌnt ə wʌn ə ðem daɪm mju'ziəmz?"

"ɔɪ, seɪɪ; jə tɪŋk jəɹ flaɪ. dæt jʌŋ 'fɛləɹ sent mɪ ɔ:l tə weɪ tə 'fɔ:ɹtɪ-'tri: 'naɪntɪ-'tri: 'kæləmɛt 'ævnu:. aɪ 'kʊdnt gɪt bæk no· 'sʊnəɹ."

"hu wʌz ɪt ðə no:t wəz tu:?"

"hɪz ræg, ə ges."

"oɪʊ! hɪz ræg! 'Mɑdʒə θɪŋk ə ðæt, 'mɪləɹ? eɪnt ðɪs bəɪ ə bəɹd! kn jə bi:t ɪm? kn jə taɪ ɪm? bəɪ, jʊɹ ɔ:l raɪt."

"so· əɹ ju — dæt ɪz, frʌm jəɹ hed ʌp."

"n ðə fiɪt daʊn, hʌ? jʊɹ wʌn ə ðɛm ''hʌlɪ tʃiː, 'tʃanɪ' bəɪz, 'eɪntʃə? jəɹ so tʌf ðə· 'kʊdnt 'dɛntʃə wɪð n æks."

"ɪz dæt sɪoːʊ?" æskt ðə bəɪ, wɪð ə 'fraɪtfəl ɪs'keːp əv "s," ənd ə 'glɛəɹ sʌtʃ əz hɪ mʌst əv juːzd tə 'tɛrɪ'faɪ əɪl ðə 'smɔːlə bəɪz æt ðə 'kɔːl 'ste·ʃən.

"ɪf aɪ wəz əz tʌf əz ju ɑɪ, aɪd bɪ ə'freɪd ə maɪ'sɛlf, ən ðə 'lɛvəl."

"jə tɪŋk jəɹ 'hævn spɔɹt wɪt mɪ, 'do·ntʃə? aɪ sɪm ə lʊt ə dɛm 'fʌnɪ mʌgz bə'foɪɹ dɪs."

"waɪ, 'klɔːdɪ, aɪ 'wʊdnt traɪ tə dʒɔːʃ jə. aɪ θɪŋk jəɹ ə naɪs, klɪm bəɪ. 'eɪntʃə 'gɔnə teːk ɔɪf jəɹ glʌvz?"

'mɪlə liːnd bæk ɪn hɪz tʃɛːɹ ənd haʊld wɪð 'læftə.

"aɪ bɛg jəɹ 'pɑɪɹdn,' klɔːdɪ," kən'tɪnjud 'ɑɪɹtɪ. "aɪ θɔɪt ðɛm wəz glʌvz jə hæd ən. dʒɪi, ɪz ðɛm jəɹ mɪts? jəɹ ə bru'nɛt, 'eɪntʃə?"

ðə 'mɛsɪndʒəɹ bəɪ hæd bɪn 'sʌm'ʍʌt 'teːɪkn ə'bæk baɪ ðɪ ə'luʒən tʊ hɪz "glʌvz," bət hɪ rɪ'kʌvəɹd ənd sɛd, stɪl 'geːzɪŋ æt ɑɪɹtɪ: "sɪeːɪ, jəɹ 'hævn ɔɪl kaɪndz ə fʌn wɪt mɪ, 'eɪntʃə? wɛl, 'wɑtʃu — 'ɛnɪ'tɪŋ ju seɪ kʌts no aɪs wɪt miɪ."

Artie and Claudie

"Where's he at?" repeated the messenger boy . . . When he asked "Where's he at?" he pronounced it "where 'ce," and in all his subsequent talk he gave the "s" a soft and hissing sound well prolonged, to the evident enjoyment of Artie and the mild wonderment of Miller.

"Where's who at?" demanded Artie, adopting a frown and a harsh manner.

"W'y, t'e four-eyed nobs dat sent me out on t'e Sout' Side."

"Are you the same little boy? Wouldn't that frost you, though, Miller? This is little Bright-eyes that took the note for Hall."

"Aw, what's eatin' you?" asked the boy, giving a warlike curl to the corner of his mouth.

"Oh, ow! listen to that. I'll bet you're the toughest boy that ever happened. What you been doin' all day — playin' marbles for keeps or standin' in front o' one o' them dime museeums?"

"Aw, say; you t'ink you're fly. Dat young feller sent me all t'e way to forty-t'ree ninety-t'ree Callamet av'noo. I couldn't get back no sooner."

"Who was it the note was to?"

"His rag, I guess."

"Oh—h—h—h! His rag! What do you think o' that, Miller? Ain't this boy a bird! Can you beat him? Can you *tie* him? Boy, you're all right."

"So are you — dat is, from y'r head up."

"An' the feet down, huh? You're one o' them 'Hully chee, Chonny,' boys, ain't you? You're so tough they couldn't dent you with an axe."

"Is dat so—o—o—o?" asked the boy, with a frightful escape of "s" and a glare such as he must have used to terrify all the smaller boys at the call station.

"If I was as tough as you are I'd be afraid o' myself, on the level."

"You t'ink you're havin' sport wit' me, don't you? I seen a lot o' dem funny mugs before dis."

"W'y, Claudie, I wouldn't try to josh you. I think you're a nice, clean boy. Ain't you goin' to take off your gloves?"

Miller leaned back in his chair and howled with laughter.

"I beg y'r pardon, Claudie," continued Artie. "I thought them was gloves you had on. Gee, is them your mits? You're a brunette, ain't you?"

The messenger boy had been somewhat taken aback by the allusion to his "gloves," but he recovered and said, still gazing at Artie: "S—s—ay, you're havin' all kinds o' fun wit' me, ain't you? Well, w'at you — anyt'ing you say cuts no ice wit' me."

REMARKS

From *Artie, A Story of the Streets and Town*, by George Ade, Chicago, 1897. Artie exemplifies a dialect of Chicago as spoken by a free and easy office clerk, the messenger boy a somewhat lower dialect of the streets. The dialect is of course only partially indicated by the author's spellings. In l. 1, the author records a voiceless [ʍ] in **where**, and this has been allowed to stand, and so also in **what**, l. 12, though these are probably inadvertencies, the boy's dialect apparently having only [w]. For [æskt], l. 2, see above, § 346.

XVI

'tʃɪmɪ 'fædn

lɔŋ taɪm sɪns jə sim mɪ? səɹt. 'do·ntʃə noɪ də 'riɪzn? ʍaɪ, aɪ wəz 'mærid. 'ʃuəɹ. aɪ noɪd jəd daɪ ʍɛn aɪ toɪl jə. jɛs, ɪt wəz də 'dʌtʃəs; aɪ gɛs jə noɪd dæt. wɛl, 'lɛmɪ tɛl jə. ɪt wəz də 'kɔɹkənəst 'wɛdn dəɹ 'ɛvəɹ wəz, wɪd sʌtʃ mʌgz əz miɪ n də 'dʌtʃəs 'duən də 'prɪnsɪpl ɪ'vɛnt ə də 'iɪvnən.

sɛɪ, aɪ 'nɛvəɹ toɪt dəɹ wəz so mʌtʃ 'flɪm-'flæm bɑʊt 'gɛtn 'rɛdɪ tə bɪ 'mærid. aɪ 'nɪəɹ gɑt də 'rætlz wʌnst, n wəz 'goɪɪn tə meɪk də græn sniɪk; bət aɪ tʊk ə breɪs, kəɪz aɪ wəz 'tɪŋkn dæt ɪf aɪ snuɪk, dæt ɪt wʊd 'kwɪəɹ mɪs 'fæniz geɪm, n aɪ 'wʊdnt 'kwɪəɹ mɪs 'fæniz geɪm ɪf aɪ hæd tə sɛt ʌp ə 'fjunərəl stɪd ə ə 'wɛdn.

wɛl, də fəɹst feɪk wɑt 'pærəlaɪzd miɪ wəz də 'dʌtʃəs

ˈseˑən dəɪ mʌst biː wɔt ʃiː kɔːld ə ˈmærɪdʒ ˈkʌntrækt.
seɪ, ɪt wəz wəɪs dən ˈgɛtn ɑʊt ə dʒeːl ən beːl. aɪ gɛs
wiːz ˈwʊdnt bɪ ˈmærid jɛt, ɪf ɪt wəznt fəɪ ˈmɪstəɪ
ˈbəɪtn, wɔts mɪs ˈfæniz ˈfɛlɪ. iː n mɪs ˈfænɪ, deˑ wəz
boɪt ˈnɪəɪ ˈkreːɪzɪ bɑʊt ˈɑʊəɪ ˈwɛdn, n wəz ˈfʌsɪm bɑʊt
ɪt məɪɪ dən deˑ ɪz bɑʊt dəɪ oʊn.
wɛl, ˈmɪstəɪ ˈbəɪtn, iː sɛnt fəɪ mi, n tɛlz mi tə kʌm
tə ɪz ˈtʃeːmbəɪz. iː sɛz tə miː, sɛz iː, ‘tʃeːmz,’ ɪ sɛz,
‘kʌm dɪs ˈiːvnən tə mɪ ˈtʃeːmbəɪz. aɪ kɔːlz mɪ ˈpɑːɪt-
mənts mɪ ˈtʃeːmbəɪz fəɪ dɪs ˈkeːɪzən ˈoːmlɪ,’ sɛz iː,
ˈgɪvn mi də wɪŋk, ‘kɔːɪz dɪs ɪz ə ˈliːgəl ˈmætəɪ, n ɪn
də tɛn ˈjɪəɪz aɪv bɪn ˈmɪtəd tə də bɑːɪ,’ sɛz iː, ‘dɪs ɪz
də fəɪst taɪm aɪ ˈɛvəɪ hæd ə keɪs.’

Chimmie Fadden

Long time since ye seen me? Cert. Don't ye know de reason? Why, I was married. Sure. I knowed [ye'd die when I tole ye. Yes, it was de Duchess; I guess ye knowed dat. Well, lemme tell ye. It was de corkin'est weddin' dere ever was, wid such mugs as me an' de Duchess doin' de principal event er de evenin'.

Say, I never taut dere was so much flim-flam 'bout gettin' ready to be married. I near got de rattles onct, an' was goin' t' make de gran' sneak; but I took er brace, 'cause I was tinkin' dat if I snook, dat it would queer Miss Fannie's game, an' I wouldn't queer Miss Fannie's game if I had t' set up er funeral 'stid er a weddin'.

Well, de first fake wot paralyzed me was de Duchess sayin' dere must be wot she called er marriage contract. Say, it was worse dan gettin' outter jail on bail. I guess wese wouldn't be married yet if it wasn't

fer Mr. Burton, wot's Miss Fannie's felly. 'E an' Miss Fannie, dey was bote near crazy 'bout our weddin', an' was fussin' 'bout it more dan dey is 'bout dere own.

Well, Mr. Burton, 'e sent fer me an' tells me t' come t' 'is chambers. 'E says t' me, says 'e, 'Chames,' 'e says, 'come dis evenin' t' me chambers. I calls me 'partments me chambers fer dis 'casion only,' says 'e, givin' me de wink, ''cause dis is er legal matter, an' in de ten years I've been 'mitted t' de bar,' says 'e, 'dis is de first time I ever had er case.'

REMARKS

This passage, from the Chimmie Fadden stories of Mr. E. W. Townsend, represents a Bowery dialect of New York City. The author of the stories made greater effort than is usual with writers of dialect stories to record a considerable body of detail derived from direct observation. The student will see, however, that even here the dialect is sometimes only suggested, e.g., l. 9 ['goːɪn tə meːk] in popular speech like this would be ['gɔnə meːk] or ['gʌnə meːk], and [hæd tə], l. 12, would more likely be ['hætə], etc. It is suggested that students make a new transcription of the passage not merely on the basis of Mr. Townsend's text but taking account of features of illiterate dialect speech which Mr. Townsend has not recorded. Some of the respects in which this dialect differs from ordinary colloquial English are (*a*) the replacing of [θ] and [ð] by [t] and [d] respectively; (*b*) [dʒ] becoming [tʃ]; (*c*) loss of final dentals, as in [toːl], l. 3, [græn], l. 9; final [n] for [ŋ] in the ending **-ing**, though this is very general in all colloquial speech; [w] for [ʍ]. Writings like **t' come** for **to come**, **t' me** for **to me**, etc., are transcribed as [tə kʌm], [tə mi], etc., though in this dialect there is practically no vowel after [t] in these phrases, and it might be omitted. The occasional spelling **er**, for example, **dis is er legal matter**, is probably intended to indicate only [ə]. The spelling **why**, l. 2, is probably an inadvertence for dialect [waɪ]. A feature of this dialect which is not recorded either in the conventional spelling of the passage or the phonetic transcription is the very strongly aspirated character of stop consonants, see above, § 13.

XVII

ðə vɔɪs

'əɪl ðə 'haʊs wəz 'stɪl; fər aɪ bɪli:v əɪl, ɪksept 'sɪndʒən ənd maɪ'sɛlf, wə 'nɑʊ rɪ'taɪəd tə 'rɛst. ðə 'wʌn 'kændl wəz 'daɪɪŋ 'ɑʊt; ðə 'rʊm wəz 'fʊl əv 'mu:mlaɪt. maɪ 'haɪt bi:t 'faɪst ənd 'θɪk; aɪ 'həɪd ɪts 'θrəb. 'sʌdnlɪ ɪt 'stʊd 'stɪl tʊ ən ɪnɪks'presɪbl 'fi:lɪŋ ðət θ'rɪld ɪt 'θru: ənd 'pɑ:st ət 'wʌns tə maɪ 'hɛd ənd ɪks'trɛmɪtɪz. ðə fi:lɪŋ wəz 'nɔt laɪk ən ɪ'lɛktrɪk 'ʃɔk, bət ɪt wəz 'kwaɪt əz 'ʃɑ:p, əz 'stri:mdʒ, əz 'stɑ:tlɪŋ; ɪt 'æktɪd ɔn maɪ 'sɛnsɪz əz ɪf ðɛər ʌtmoʊst æk'tɪvɪtɪ hɪðə'tu: həd bi:n bət 'tɔ:pə, frəm wɪtʃ (or ʍɪtʃ) ðɛɪ wə 'nɑʊ 'sʌmənd ənd 'fɔ:st tʊ 'wɛɪk. ðɛɪ 'roʊz ɪks'pɛktənt; 'aɪ ənd 'ɪə 'wɛɪtɪd waɪl (or ʍaɪl) ðə 'flɛʃ 'kwɪvəd ɔn maɪ 'boʊnz.

"'wɔt (or ʍɔt) əv (or həv) ju: 'həɪd? wɔt (or ʍɔt) d (or də) ju: 'si:?" ɑ:skt 'sɪndʒən. aɪ 'sɔ: 'nʌðɪŋ, bət aɪ 'həɪd ə 'vɔɪs 'sʌmwɛə (or 'sʌmʍɛə) kraɪ —

"'dʒɛɪn, 'dʒɛɪn, 'dʒɛɪn!" — 'nʌðɪŋ 'mɔɪ.

"'oʊ 'gɔd! 'wɔt (or 'ʍɔt) ɪz ɪt?" aɪ 'gɑ:spt.

ai 'maɪt əv (or həv) sɛd, "'wɛər (or 'ʍɛər) ɪz ɪt?" fər ɪt 'dɪd nɔt si:m ɪn ðə 'rʊm, nɔ:r ɪn ðə 'haʊs, nɔ:r ɪn ðə 'gɑ:dn; ɪt 'dɪd nɔt kʌm ɑʊt əv ðɪ 'ɛə, nɔ: frəm ʌndə ðɪ 'əɪθ, nɔ: frəm oʊvə'hɛd. aɪ əd (or həd) 'həɪd ɪt — 'wɛə (or 'ʍɛə), ɔ: 'wɛns (or 'ʍɛns), fər 'ɛvə (or 'ɛvər) ɪm'pɔsɪbl tə 'nɔʊ! ənd ɪt wəz ðə vɔɪs əv ə 'hju:mən 'bi:ɪŋ — ə 'noʊn, 'lʌvd, 'wɛl rɪ'mɛmbəd 'vɔɪs — 'ðæt əv 'edwəd 'fɛəfæks 'rətʃɪstə; ənd ɪt spoʊk ɪn 'pɛɪn ənd 'woʊ, 'waɪldlɪ, 'ɪərɪlɪ, 'əɪdʒəntlɪ.

"'aɪ əm 'kʌmɪŋ!" aɪ kraɪd, "'wɛɪt fə mi:! 'oʊ, aɪ wɪl 'kʌm!" aɪ 'flu: tə ðə 'dɔ:, ənd 'lʊkt ɪntə ðə 'pæsɪdʒ; ɪt wəz 'dɑ:ɪk. aɪ 'ræn 'ɑʊt ɪntə ðə 'gɑ:dn; ɪt wəz 'vɔɪd.

"'wɛər (or 'ɯɛər) 'ɑ: ju:?" aɪ ɪks'klɛɪmd.

ðə 'hɪlz bɪ'jɔnd 'mɑ:ʃ 'glɛn 'sɛnt ðɪ 'ɑɪnsə 'fɛɪntlɪ bæk, "'wɛər (or 'ɯɛər) 'ɑɪ ju:?" aɪ 'lɪsnd. ðə 'wɪnd 'saɪd 'loʊ ɪn ðə 'fə:z; 'ə:l wəz 'mʊələnd, 'loʊnlɪnɪs ənd 'mɪdnaɪt hʌʃ.

The Voice

All the house was still; for I believe all, except St. John and myself, were now retired to rest. The one candle was dying out; the room was full of moonlight. My heart beat fast and thick; I heard its throb. Suddenly it stood still to an inexpressible feeling that thrilled it through, and passed at once to my head and extremities. The feeling was not like an electric shock, but it was quite as sharp, as strange, as startling; it acted on my senses as if their utmost activity hitherto had been but torper, from which they were now summoned and forced to wake. They rose expectant; eye and ear waited while the flesh quivered on my bones.

"What have you heard? What do you see?" asked St. John. I saw nothing, but I heard a voice somewhere cry —

"Jane! Jane! Jane!" — nothing more.

"O God! what is it?" I gasped.

I might have said, "Where is it?" for it did not seem in the room, nor in the house, nor in the garden; it did not come out of the air, nor from under the earth, nor from overhead. I had heard it — where, or whence, for ever impossible to know! And it was the voice of a human being — a known, loved, well-remembered voice — that of Edward Fairfax Roches-

ter; and it spoke in pain and woe, wildly, eerily, urgently.

"I am coming!" I cried. "Wait for me! Oh, I will come!" I flew to the door and looked into the passage; it was dark. I ran out into the garden; it was void.

"Where are you?" I exclaimed.

The hills beyond Marsh Glen sent the answer faintly back, "Where are you?" I listened. The wind sighed low in the firs; all was moorland loneliness and midnight hush.

REMARKS

This passage is adapted from Jones, *Pronunciation of English*, pp. 73–74. It is supposed to be standard British pronunciation in a careful conversational style. The passage is from *Jane Eyre*, Chapter XXXV. The only changes that have been made in Mr. Jones's notation have been the use of [ɪ] for his [i], [ʊ] for his [u], and [ɛ] for his [e] to indicate respectively the slack qualities of the several sounds as short vowels. Mr. Jones regularly uses the symbol [e] for the vowel of **rest**, **flesh**, etc., and [ɛ], he says, occurs in standard pronunciation only in the diphthong [ɛə], as in **there**, **their** [ðɛə], etc. This latter sound is slightly lower (or in Mr. Jones's terminology, more open) than his [e], as in **rest**, **set**, etc. Since in this volume the same symbol, [ɛ], has been used for the vowel of **set** and the vowel of **their**, the distinction made by Mr. Jones is not recorded in the above transcription. With this exception, the author thinks he has given a faithful reproduction of Mr. Jones's pronunciation. The accents are those given by Mr. Jones.

l. 1. [haʊs]. Mr. Jones records the diphthong regularly in this transcription as [aʊ] and this accords with American pronunciation; but in Michaelis-Jones, *A Phonetic Dictionary*, the diphthong is given as [aʊ].

[fər]. The [r] here is intervocalic in context.

l. 4. [hə:d]. The sound [ə:] is represented in our alphabet by [ʌ:], but it seemed best to retain Mr. Jones's symbol for the sound, which he describes as half-open (that is, half-low), mixed (meaning the middle portions of the tongue), tense, unrounded.

l. 8. [strɛɪndʒ]. In American pronunciation the vowel would be [eɪ] or [eː].

l. 9. [ʌtmoʊst]. The first element of the diphthong is described by Mr. Jones as half-close (i.e., half-high), back, slack, rounded, and it therefore corresponds pretty exactly to [ɔ] as this symbol is used in the present book. But it did not seem advisable to change it to [ɔ], for Mr. Jones uses this symbol also, for a sound which he describes as open (i.e., low), back, slack, with slight lip rounding. The difference between his [o] and his [ɔ] cannot be great, but in any case the first element of his [oʊ] must not be taken as meaning the sound represented in our alphabet by [o], but a sound nearer to [ɔ].

XVIII

'sanɪt

(*a*)

mʌtʃ hæv ɑɪ trævəld ɪn ðə rɛlmz əv goʊld,
  ənd mɛnɪ gʊdlɪ steɪts ənd kɪŋdəmz sɪn;
  raʊnd mɛnɪ wɛstən ɑɪləndz hæv ɑɪ bɪn,
ʌɪtʃ baɪdz ɪn fiːəltɪ tu əpolo hoʊld.
ɔɪft əv wʌn waɪd ɛkspæns hæd ɑɪ bɪn toʊld
  ðət diːp-braʊd hoʌmə ruːld əz hɪz dɪmɪn;
  jɛt dɪd ɑɪ nɛvə briːð ɪts pjuə sɪrɪn
tɪl ɑɪ hʌɪd tʃæpmən spiːk aʊt laʊd ənd boʊld:
ðən fɛlt ɑɪ laɪk sʌm wətʃər əv ðə skaɪz
  ʌɛn ə njuː plænɪt swɪmz ɪntu hɪz kɛn;
ɔ laɪk staʊt kɔɪtɛz ʌɛn wɪð iːgəl ɑɪz
  hiː stæɪd ət ðə pəsɪfɪk — ənd ɔːl hɪz mɛn
lukt ət iːtʃ ʌðə wɪð ə waɪld səmaɪz,
  saɪlənt əpən ə piːk ɪn daɪrɪɛn.

(*b*)

l. 1. goɪld.
l. 2. steɪts.
l. 4. hoɪld.
l. 5. ɪkspæns, bɪn, toɪld.

l. 6. hoɪmə.
l. 7. pjuɪə.
l. 8. boɪld.
l. 14. deɪrɪen.

(*c*)

l. 3. wɛstəɹn.
l. 4. baɪɹdz.
l. 6. hoɪməɹ.
l. 7. pjuɪɹ.
l. 8. həɹd.
l. 11. ɔɹ, kəɹɹtɛz.
l. 12. stæɪɹd.
l. 13. ʌðəɹ, səɹmaɪz.

Sonnet

Much have I traveled in the realms of gold,
And many goodly states and kingdoms seen;
Round many western islands have I been,
Which bards in fealty to Apollo hold.
Oft of one wide expanse had I been told
That deep-browed Homer ruled as his demesne;
Yet did I never breathe its pure serene
Till I heard Chapman speak out loud and bold:
Then felt I like some watcher of the skies
When a new planet swims into his ken;
Or like stout Cortez when with eagle eyes
He stared at the Pacific — and all his men
Looked at each other in a wild surmise,
Silent upon a peak in Darien.

REMARKS

This sonnet, by Keats, is transcribed here as given in a *Report of a Joint Committee representing the National Educational Association, the American Philological Association,* and *the Modern Language Association of America, on the Subject of a Phonetic English Alphabet,* New York, 1904. The first version gives the sonnet "as read by an Englishman — a graduate of Oxford — whose utterance may be taken as fairly representing that of educated Londoners"

(p. 38). The set of variant readings under (*b*) are those differences from the pronunciations of (*a*) which occurred in the reading of the same sonnet by "a New Englander — a member of the Harvard faculty." The readings under (*c*) are those differences from (*b*) which occurred in the reading of the sonnet by "a Michigan man some time resident in New York."

l. 1 [aɪ]. In the phonetic alphabet used in the above report, the diphthong known as 'long i,' is regularly transcribed with [a] as its first element. This transcription is retained in the present passage, though the author's observation is that the vowel is ordinarily [a].

[goʊld]. Note the diphthongal character of long vowels in the Englishman's pronunciation as compared with that of (*b*) and (*c*).

l. 6. [hoʌmə]. The second element of the diphthong as recorded here is the vowel of **much, one**, etc.

l. 12. [stæːd]. The *Report*, p. 21, recognizes the similarity of the vowel in this word to [ɛː]. Might not this word have been transcribed ['stɛːəd]?

l. 14. [əpən]. So recorded in all three pronunciations, which means that it was pronounced by all three readers without stress. But it might be pronounced [ə'pɒn].

XIX

wɪnd ænd sʌn

(*a*)

Southern British

ðə nɔɪθ wɪnd ənd ðə sʌn wʌː dɪsˈpjuːtɪŋ wɪtʃ wəz ðəˈ ˈstrɔŋgə, wɛn ə ˈtrævlə keɪm əˈloŋ ræpt ɪn ə wɔɪm kloʊk. ðeɪ əˈgriːd ðət ðə wʌn huː fʌɪst meɪd ðə ˈtrævlə teɪk ɔːf (h)ɪz kloʊk ʃʊd bɪ kənˈsɪdəd ˈstrɔŋgə ðən ðɪ ˈʌðə. ðɛn ðə nɔɪθ wɪnd bluː wɪð ɔːl hɪz maɪt, bət ðə mɔː hiː bluː, ðə mɔː ˈkloʊslɪ dɪd ðə ˈtrævlə foʊld (h)ɪz kloʊk əˈraʊnd hɪm; ənd ət laːst ðə nɔːθ wɪnd geɪv ʌp ðɪ əˈtɛm(p)t. ðɛn ðə sʌn ʃən aʊt ˈwɔːmlɪ, ənd ɪˈmiː-

djətlɪ ðə 'trævlə tʊk ɔɪf (h)ɪz klʊʊk; ənd soʊ ðə nɔɪθ wɪnd wəz ə'blaɪdʒd tə kən'fɛs ðət ðə sʌn wəz ðə 'strəŋgər əv ðə tuɪ.

(*b*)

Northern British

ðə nɔɹθ wɪnd ənd ðə sʌn weɪ dɪs'pjuɪtɪŋ ʌɪtʃ wəz ðə strəŋgəɹ, ʌɛn ə 'travləɹ keɪm ə'loŋ rapt ɪn ə wɔɹm kloɪk. ðeɪ ə'griɪd ðət ðə wʌn huɪ fəɹst meɪd ðə 'travləɹ teɪk əf hɪz kloɪk ʃʊd bɪ kon'sɪdəɹd 'strəŋgəɹ ðən ðɪ 'ʌðəɹ. ðɛn ðə nɔɹθ wɪnd bluɪ wɪθ ɔɪl hɪz maɪt, bʌt ðə mɔɪɹ hiɪ bluɪ, ðə mɔɪɹ 'kloɪslɪ dɪd ðə 'travləɹ foɪld hɪz kloɪk ə'raʊnd hɪm; ənd ət last ðə nɔɹθ wɪnd geɪv ʌp ðɪ ətɛm(p)t. ðɛn ðə sʌn ʃon aʊt 'wɔɪrmlɪ, ənd ɪ'miɪdjətlɪ ðə 'travləɹ tʊk əf hɪz kloɪk; ənd soɪ ðə nɔɹθ wɪnd wəz ə'blaɪdʒd tʊ kon'fɛs ðət ðə sʌn wəz ðə 'strəŋgəɹ əv ðə tuɪ.

(*c*)

American English

ðə nɔɹθ wɪnd ən ðə sʌn wəɹ dɪs'pjutɪŋ əz tə ʌɪtʃ wəz ðə 'stɹɔɪŋgɪst, ʌɛn ə 'tɹævələɹ keɪm ə'loɪŋ, ɹæpt ɪn ə wɔɹm klʊʊk. ðe ə'gɹiɪd ðət ðə wʌn hu meɪd ðə 'tɹævələɹ teɪk əf ɪz kʊʊt fəɹst ʃəd bɪ kən'sɪdəɹd 'strɔɪŋgəɹ ðən ðə 'ʌðəɹ. ðɛn ðə nɔɹθ wɪnd blju: wɪð ɔl ɪz maɪt; bət ðə mɔɪɹ ɪ blju:, ðə mɔɪɹ 'klʊʊslɪ ðə 'tɹævləɹ 'fʊʊldɪd ɪz klʊʊk ə'ɹaʊnd ɪm; ənd ət læst ðə nɔɹθ wɪnd geɪv ʌp ðɪ ə'tempt. ðɛn ðə sʌn ʃoɪn aʊt 'wɔɹmlɪ (or bə'gæn tə ʃaɪn aʊt hat), ənd ɪn ə fju 'moɪmənts ðə 'tɹævləɹ tʊk əf ɪz klʊʊk. so ðə nɔɹθ wɪnd wəz ə'blaɪdʒd tə kən'fɛs ðət ðə sʌn wəz ðə 'strɔɪŋgəɹ əv ðə tuɪ.

Wind and Sun

The North Wind and the Sun were disputing which was the stronger, when a traveller came along wrapped in a warm cloak. They agreed that the one who first made the traveller take off his cloak should be considered stronger than the other. Then the North Wind blew with all his might, but the more he blew, the more closely did the traveller fold his cloak around him; and at last the North Wind gave up the attempt. Then the Sun shone out warmly, and immediately the traveller took off his cloak; and so the North Wind was obliged to confess that the Sun was the stronger of the two.

REMARKS

These three versions of the fable of the Sun and Wind are taken from a pamphlet, *The Principles of the International Phonetic Association*, pp. 20–22, published as a supplement to the *Maître Phonétique*, Sept.–Oct., 1912. They are supposed to represent "the average pronunciation of educated persons in each case," the first Southern English in England, the second Northern English in England, the third American English "for New York State and the central portion of the United States." They are presented here for comparative study, the most interesting conclusion from such study probably being the close similarity to be observed between American English and British Northern English. The version in American English is in some respects a travesty. It is throughout on a more colloquial level than the other two versions, but besides is needlessly changed in other details. In the first sentence, "as to which was the strongest" is dialectal American usage, not that of "educated persons." Similar uncalled-for changes are "began to shine out hot" for "shone out warmly," and "in a few moments" for "immediately." The phonetic details of the version of American English are also open to criticism in some respects. The sound of **r** is not the same in all positions; the vowel of the before **other** would

not be [ə]; **blew** would be [blu:], not [blju:]; the diphthong in **might** is [maɪt], not [mɑɪt]; the vowel of **strongest, stronger** is short, not long; and the diphthongal character of [e:] and [o:] is less marked and general than the transcription would lead one to suppose. The transcriptions also make a distinction between British and American use in the vowel of **wind, which**, etc., which is supposed to be slightly lower in American than in British use, being high slack in British pronunciation and between high slack and high-mid slack in American usage. The reality of this distinction seems very doubtful, and the author has disregarded it in his versions of the transcriptions. For the vowel of words like **bird, hurt**, when the **r** is not pronounced, the symbol [ʌ:] has been substituted for [ə:]. Note the Northern British use of [a] where Southern British and American have [æ].

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